

**Tenby**  
QUALITY SWITCHES  
**Tenby**  
QUALITY SWITCHES  
**Tenby**  
QUALITY SWITCHES

MADE IN ENGLAND

ENCLOSURE TO: PORT BOX 2122 SAFAT, 1307 SAFAT KUWAIT.

هنا من الوطن

# ARAB TIMES

**Le Nara** **Wrangler**  
JEANS

**Shortly ... Grand Opening**  
For the 5th Wrangler branch of Shop No. 132,  
Ground Floor, Souk Al Kuwait, Darwazo Abdul  
Razzak.  
Available latest jeans dresses for youngsters.

Available at Wrangler

NO. 7175 THURSDAY-FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18-19, 1988 RAJAB 1-2, 1408 AH 20 PAGES 150 FILLS

## Residence Law to be amended

# Reduce fines, asks Premier

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday ordered officials to amend the Residence Law to reduce the fines for residence violations.

Sheikh Saad, in a meeting at the Shaah Palace, instructed the Interior Minister, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, to relax the Residence Law and personal identification regulations. "Make the fines less hefty," Sheikh Saad asked. He also said that amendments should be made without compromising the spirit of the law.

### Implement

In the meeting with Sheikh Salem, Interior Minister Under-Secretary Gen Youssef Badr Al Khorafi and acting Director of the Immigration Department Colonel Ahmed Mohammed Al Wohaib, the Crown Prince gave directives to open additional personal identification offices in governorates, which currently lack these.

Sheikh Salem said after the meeting that the ministry will implement the Premier's direc-

tives after experts have completed the amendment of the article in question.

Sheikh Salem added that citizens and expatriates should complete paperwork related to residence and personal identification as quickly as possible to avoid legal penalties.

In an interview with Arab Times reporter Lima Al Khalafawi, Al Wohaib earlier said that the renewal of residence should be initiated one month before the expiry date.

He said that domestics and dependants should submit their papers directly to the Immigration Department one month in advance for renewal, and others having work permit should submit their papers to the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry.

### Wanted

Al Wohaib said that fingerprints were valid for five years only and must be given again after that. If the fingerprints and character certificates are valid at the time the residence permit expires then there is no need for giving fingerprints again.



Sheikh Saad

He also said that fingerprints were necessary each time a person wanted a character certificate. The fingerprints were necessary to prove the person had no charges against him.

He said that new fingerprints

were not required if the Civil Identification Card was valid, because the identity card was linked to residence and fingerprints.

He said that people who had out of date character certificates should submit them to the Criminal Department when producing a new one.

Al Wohaib said that the character certificate was valid for five years provided it was submitted to obtain a residence permit within three months of issue, otherwise the certificate would expire.

He said that people coming to Kuwait with work permits issued under article 18 were given two months to complete the formalities.

He said the Immigration Department would regularise the position of any expatriate who overstayed his visa provided he presented his papers in good order and paid the outstanding fines.

However, if the person had committed any misdemeanours or crimes, he would have to pay fine and would then be deported.

## Amir patronises graduation ceremony

HH the Amir yesterday presented certificates to 540 Kuwait University graduates of the 1986-87 academic year.

The graduation ceremony was held at the Khaldiya campus of the university.

The Education Minister and acting Higher Education Minister, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, delivered a speech in which he praised the interest shown by the Amir in the university's progress.

### Evaluate

Al Nouri asked the university staff to evaluate what they were doing with the capabilities and facilities provided them.

"We are responsible for using freedom in a framework of awareness and understanding," he said, "but within the limits of the law, in order to prevent it from turning into chaos and destruction."

The minister stressed that the authorities were continuing their efforts to improve the standard of education at the university and had plans to add new departments and colleges. A new system for teacher evaluation is also being designed, he said, and specifications for administrative and academic positions.

The ceremony was also attended by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, sheikhs, ministers, senior officials, heads of diplomatic missions to Kuwait and parents of graduating students.



HH the Amir congratulates a graduate.

## One Palestinian killed in fresh unrest

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Feb 17, (Reuters). Israeli troops shot dead one Palestinian and wounded six during riots today, as unrest spread again through the occupied territories.

As the toll of Palestinian lives since Dec 9 reached 57 deaths, the Norwegian Ambassador to Israel said he regretted comparing Israeli actions to those of Nazi soldiers in occupied Norway during World War Two.

The latest fatality happened after troops opened fire in the village of Shuyukh, near Hebron, a military spokesman said. The dead man was identified as 19-year-old Ismail Hussein Muhammad Halaykah.

### Fired

The spokesman said a group of 150 youths attacked soldiers who were trying to clear stones from a road with a bulldozer. The soldiers fired at the rioters' legs, he said.

But a doctor at Jerusalem's Makassed Hospital said the dead man was killed by a bullet in his lung, and two other people underwent operations for gunshot wounds in the mouth and abdomen. The other casualties were hospitalised in Hebron.

An officer at the scene said trouble started early this morning when the Army imposed a curfew on the village of Sa'ir.

arresting 15 "inciters". Five women were wounded while trying to stop soldiers from making the arrests, he said.

The officer said other villagers went to nearby Shuyukh to warn residents the Army was on its way. By the time the soldiers arrived, a crowd had gathered. They hurled rocks at the soldiers, forcing them to open fire in self-defence.

A local Palestinian, Ali Shehadeh Halaykah, told a different story. He said the young men arrested in Sa'ir escaped and fled to Shuyukh. The Army burst into houses looking for them while a crowd gathered on the street and clashed with soldiers.

Later, as relatives waited anxiously outside the Alia Hospital in Hebron, youths pelted an Army jeep with stones and the soldiers replied with tear gas, an eyewitness said.

In another disturbance at the Shufat refugee camp north of Jerusalem, troops fired rubber bullets at residents wounding a 10-year-old child in the kidneys, military sources said.

The Army also reported disturbances but no casualties in Gaza where youths threw rocks at Army patrols.

In Jerusalem, the Foreign Ministry summoned Norwegian

## 'Ship of Return' has achieved its objectives

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today said the "Ship of Return" had achieved most of its objectives and reaffirmed to the world the right of Palestinians to return to their homeland which they were forced to leave.

"As our Palestinian brothers wanted, the ship did capture the world's attention through the massive media presence which followed its mission minute by minute," Sheikh Sabah said.

Those objectives were attained despite the explosion the ship suffered at the hands of Israeli agents at the Cypriot port of Larnaca two days ago, Sheikh Sabah added.

### Voyage

In Athens, organisers of a "Ship of Return" for Palestinian deportees said today they were indefinitely postponing a trouble-plagued voyage to the Israeli port of Haifa.

The PLO organisers made the announcement in a meeting with international delegations who had gathered in Athens to accompany the 130 Palestinian deportees on the planned peaceful mission.

Word of the cancellation came from many of those attending the meeting, including American delegate Sen. Kennedy, a representative of the Resource Centre for non violence, based in Santa Cruz, Ca.

### \$16,000 reward

COLOMBO, Feb 17, (Reuters). Sri Lanka police posted a \$16,000 reward today for information about the killers of a popular star-turned-politician shot dead at his home here.

Deputy inspector-general of police Tilak Iddamalgoda also told reporters an investigation had shown that two grenades had been tossed into a crowded temple yesterday, killing seven people and injuring 13 others.

### INSIDE

International	2,3
Kuwait-Gulf	4,5
Editorials	6
Events	7
Features	8
Business	9,12
Stocks	10,11
Junior Times	13
Classifieds	14
Urdu	15,16,17,18
Sports	19,20

آج کے اردو صفحات

واقعہ رشادتی مضامین کے لئے کاغذ

ایضاً عربی و فارسی مضامین کے لئے کاغذ

و لبنان عراق کو ترمیم کے لئے ایک اور مضامین کاغذ

و افغانستان میں ایک اور مضامین کاغذ

کر کے گئے۔ حکمت یاد گار

و سوویت یونین کی حکومت پاکستان پر

و افغان تفسیر کے لئے ایک اور مضامین کاغذ

و افغانستان کی حکومت حال پر

اشرف شاہ کا ترجمہ

و یوسفیات، قلم، خواجہ حسین اور

چیت کے لئے

### WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be around normal with light northerly to northeasterly wind.

State of sea: moderate

High water: 11.30 am, 1.00 pm

Low water: 6.00 am, 6.00 pm

Sunrise: 6.25 am

Sunset: 5.40 pm

Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 22°C 72°F

Ahmad: 22°C 72°F

Falaka: 20°C 68°F

Minimum temperature expected: Kuwait: 21°C 70°F

Ahmad: 20°C 68°F

Falaka: 20°C 68°F

Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 19°C 66°F

Ahmad: 19°C 66°F

Falaka: 18°C 64°F

Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 33 per cent

Ahmad: 33 per cent

Falaka: 33 per cent

Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 60 per cent

Ahmad: 60 per cent

Falaka: 60 per cent

## American UN officer kidnapped in Lebanon

TYRE, Lebanon, Feb 17, (Agencies). Bearded gunmen seized an American officer of a UN truce organisation in South Lebanon today, security sources said.

They said the officer, identified as Richard Higgins, was travelling in a car flying the UN flag and escorted by a number of bodyguards. The escort opened fire but failed to prevent the abduction.

The sources said the officer, in his 50s, was only appointed to the UN truce supervision organisation (Unto) a month ago.

### Confirmed

Lebanon's Shi'ite Amal militia earlier said a soldier with the UN peacekeeping force in South Lebanon, Unifil, had been kidnapped in the area.

In Beirut, the US embassy said they had a report of the abduction of Higgins, a US marine assigned to Unto.

"We hope for his speedy

return," an embassy spokesman said.

In Washington, a Pentagon official confirmed Higgins was reported missing around 1200 GMT when the car he was driving disappeared from a two-car convoy heading south from Tyre, Lebanon.

Unto's duties include monitoring truce agreements now involving Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

The spokesman of Unifil, the UN Interim Force in Lebanon, Timor Goksel, said UN forces were carrying out a major search for the officer, who he said went missing on the main road just south of Tyre.

"Most of Unifil is involved in the search, including helicopters, and we are getting substantial help from Amal," he told Reuters by telephone.

He said the Unto observer was travelling on the coastal road from Tyre to Unifil headquarters

at Naqoura and disappeared near the Rashidiyeh Palestinian refugee camp.

There was no indication so far of who had taken him, Goksel added.

### Used

Security sources said the gunman had used a Volvo car in the abduction, but then switched to a Mercedes.

Amal militia sources said the militia, which controls that stretch of road, quickly set up road blocks.

Two Scandinavian UN relief workers were kidnapped in the Sidon area just to the north of Tyre on Feb 5 and efforts are still underway for their release.

A hand-written statement delivered to an international news agency in Beirut today accused the two, Jan Stening, 44, of Sweden, and Norwegian William Joergensen, 57, of being involved with the intelligence service of a foreign country.

## GCC-Iranian deputy foreign ministers to meet first

NICOSIA, Feb 17, (Agencies). The Iranian first Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati was quoted by Tehran Radio as saying Tehran looked forward to a joint meeting with the GCC to improve its ties with the Gulf Arab states.

In an interview monitored by the BBC, Besharati said this could lead to the withdrawal of US and western forces from the region.

"We from the start had extended a hand of friendship towards them, and will extend it in the future. We have nothing against them. We wish to improve our relations with them," Besharati said of the Gulf states.

Besharati said Iran and the GCC would arrange a meeting of their deputy foreign ministers to prepare for a gathering of their foreign ministers.

### Meetings

He did not say when or where the meeting would be held, but said Iran hoped they would be "the beginnings of a softening and improvement of relations ... (and would) lead to the definite withdrawal of America and her allies from the region."

Besharati said Iran had good relations with Oman, the UAE, Qatar and "to some extent" with Bahrain.

But he said Iran's poor relations with Kuwait "will not

improve so long as they assist the Iraqi regime."

He said Iran's relations with Saudi Arabia were "critical" after violent clashes involving Iranian demonstrators at the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah last year.

Iran also hailed outbacks in the US Gulf naval forces as a defeat for Washington and called for all foreign navies to leave the region.

"The region will see peace and calm when foreign forces leave the Gulf and the regime of (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein is destroyed," said Tehran Radio.

"After the defeat of its militaristic policy in the Gulf, Washington is looking for a face-saving way to get out of this international waterway," the radio said.

### Mine

US Assistant Defence Secretary Richard Armitage said yesterday that the battleship Iowa and two escorts were on their way home from the Gulf region and the helicopter carrier Okinawa would leave by the end of February.

But he said Washington was not changing its policy of protecting US-flag merchant ships in the waterway.

Meanwhile, the captain of a Liberian vehicle carrier said his ship struck a mine in the Gulf today but divers who viewed

damage to the ship said it ran aground.

The captain of the Liberian-registered vessel struck the mine at 2:30 pm, 12 miles off the port of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, the shipping insurer Lloyd's of London said.

The captain said the mine exploded beneath the Prosper World, tearing a hole in the vessel's starboard side below the waterline. Fuel was leaking from its starboard fuel tank, shipping officials said.

### Damage

But divers who viewed damage to the scarred bottom of the 4,686-ton Prosper World said the vessel did not strike a mine but ran aground, according to marine radio conversations monitored in Dubai.

The salvage tugs Imslav Lion and Imslav Badger raced to the assistance of the stricken tanker, managed by Nasamoto Shipping Co. of Hyogo, Japan, Lloyd's of London said.

The last mine attack on a vessel in the Gulf was Sept 22, when the Panamanian-registered marine survey vessel Marissa I struck a mine in the northern Gulf and sunk, killing four of seven people aboard.

US Navy officials have said the Gulf is virtually free of mines and have considered reducing the American minesweeping force in the vital waterway.

## Bahrain-Qatar dispute before World Court

DOHA, Feb 17, (Reuters). Bahrain and Qatar have taken steps to submit their dispute over a cluster of Gulf islands to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, the Amir of Qatar was quoted as saying today.

Saudi Arabia last December said the two sides had agreed to take the dispute to the Hague and the Amir, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, said that Qatar and Bahrain were committed to Riyadh's proposal and would abide by the court's decision.

Doha and Bahrain "took actual legal measures" to submit the issue to the International Court, the Amir told the Lebanese magazine Al Hawadeth in an interview to be published today and carried by the official Qatar news agency.

The long-standing dispute erupted in April 26, 1986 when Qatari forces detained 29 people building a radar station on the disputed Fasht Al Dibal reef, but released them 17 days later after Saudi Arabia intervened.

The kingdom has been mediating between the two states to end the dispute and last month hosted a meeting between the foreign ministers of Qatar and Bahrain to discuss the issue.

Sheikh Khalifa said submitting the dispute to the International Court was "the best way" to resolve the issue which "will end completely once a verdict is reached."

Maguid in Iraq on war mission

CAIRO, Feb 17, (Reuters). Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid flew to Baghdad today on a sudden mission apparently linked to the Gulf war between Iraq and Iran, government officials said today.

Maguid carried a message to President Saddam Hussein from Egyptian President Mubarak but no further details were disclosed.

### Britannica awards

NEW YORK, Feb 17, (UPI). Encyclopaedia Britannica today awarded \$125,000 in prizes to a Mexican poet, American economist, Chinese anthropologist, Australian historian and Canadian urban sociologist for helping to spread knowledge.

The recipients of "Britannica awards for excellence in the dissemination of knowledge for the benefit of mankind," for 1988 were Octavio Paz, John Kenneth Galbraith, Fei Xiaotong, Geoffrey Blainey and Jane Jacobs.

## 'Pregnant men'

LONDON, Feb 17, (Kuna). Doctors here are demanding an inquiry into the reliability of home pregnancy testing kits after men were shown to be pregnant, it was reported today.

Half of all male urine samples tested by staff at Stepping Hill Hospital, Cheshire, Northern England, gave positive results.

Consultant Thomas Brogan said the male specimens were used to check the accuracy of the tests and after less than a dozen showed positive, they realised that the batch of kits was faulty.

Rapid calls were made to family doctors who had sent genuine specimens telling them their patients would have to be tested again.

In Britain there has been a boom in the manufacture of pregnancy testing kits since they came on the market here.

### Victims buried

AMMAN, Feb 17, (AP). Several thousand Palestinians and Jordanians today attended the funeral of two PLO officers killed in a car bomb attack in the Cyprus port city of Limassol.

Shouting slogans "God is Great and the martyr is beloved by God," a group of 16 PLO soldiers carried the bodies of the two victims into Sahab cemetery.

### GCC meeting

RIYADH, Feb 17, (Kuna). A ministerial committee on financial and economic cooperation between the GCC members opened a meeting here today to review past achievements and plan new ones.

## Fire damages US embassy in Moscow

MOSCOW, Feb 17, (Reuters). Fire damaged the fifth floor of the US embassy in Moscow today and 150 staff and visitors were evacuated while Soviet firemen put out the blaze, an embassy spokesman said.

There were no casualties, and the office area of the building was not damaged, embassy spokesman Richard Gilbert said. The cause of the fire was under investigation.

The blaze began at 2:45 p.m. in a former residential area of the old embassy complex, Gilbert told reporters outside the building on Moscow's inner ring road.

"Fire alarms were sounded. The staff locked up their papers and evacuated the building," he said.

However, some embassy employees could be seen standing on the snow-covered pavement outside the nine-storey building with files of papers under their arms.

### Flames

Construction work by US Navy personnel was under way on the floor where the fire began sending flames shooting from a back window across an inner courtyard.

"The cause may have been construction materials, but the cause has not been determined," Gilbert said.

He said the fire was put out after about 45 minutes by some 20 Soviet firemen assisted by US marines assigned to guard the embassy. But smoke continued

rising from a back window of the embassy for some time afterwards.

Several red Moscow fire trucks rushed to the scene, but eyewitnesses said there appeared to be a delay after their arrival as clearance was sought from senior diplomats for firemen to enter the building.

Gilbert said that for security reasons, the firemen had to be escorted inside.

"The firemen were escorted at all times by US employees. They were not allowed to go around unescorted," Gilbert said.

The damage was limited to a small area of the fifth floor of the building, Gilbert said. US embassy officials have their offices on the sixth to ninth floors.

### Visit

Asked whether the blaze would affect a visit to Moscow next week by US Secretary of State George Shultz, Gilbert said: "I certainly hope not."

Shultz is due in Moscow on Sunday for talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze on preparations for a Soviet-US summit in Moscow between Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev and President Reagan.

The new embassy complex, centre of a political and diplomatic storm over US assertions that it had been bugged by Soviet workers involved in its construction, was not affected by the fire. It is some 200 yards (metres) from the old building.



## INTERNATIONAL

Vice-president bounces back as Republican front-runner

## Bush trounces Dole in New Hampshire

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire, Feb. 17. (Reuters): Vice-President George Bush has bounced back as the Republican Party's front-runner to succeed President Reagan by overturning the opinion polls and trouncing his arch-rival Senator Robert Dole in the New Hampshire primary election.

His embattled campaign to secure the party's presidential nomination surged back to life and he proclaimed jubilantly: "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

The often-mocked Bush rescued his bid for the White House nomination by beating Robert Dole by about 38 to 29 per cent in official returns of the New Hampshire primary last night.

With the campaign about to head into the conservative south, where 12 seats will select presidential nominating convention delegates in the 20-state "super Tuesday" primaries on March 8, Bush's recovery came in the nick of time for him.

On the Democratic side, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis easily won the first primary election of the 1988 presidential campaign.

Attention Missouri representative Richard Gephardt, the winner in last week's Iowa caucuses, was second and Illinois Senator Paul Simon was third.

But it was the Republicans' race to select their candidate to succeed President Reagan that commanded most of the attention, with opinion polls and pundits predicting on election eve that Bush was on the ropes after a weak third-place finish in Iowa.

Even a narrow victory by Dole, the Senate Republican leader who triumphed in Iowa, might have crippled the vice-president's chances of becoming President.

Bush fooled the experts, and triggered an angry reaction from the Kansas Senator.

During a live NBC television interview of Bush and Dole, who were at separate locations but appearing simultaneously, Dole was asked if he had anything to say to his rival.

"Yes," he snapped, "stop lying about my record."

Dole claimed he had lost because of false claims in Bush television advertisements that he would increase taxes.

Analysts attributed Bush's comeback victory in part to his spirited last-minute campaign efforts and his closeness to Reagan, who is very popular in the Conservative state of New Hampshire.

Controversy over the vice-president's role in the Iran arms scandal did not appear to have a major impact.

But opinion polls of voters taken by the television networks found many voters still rate Bush poorly as a leader.

He has been dogged by an image as a weak-kneed "wimp" who seemed to many indecisive and lacking in political vision.

That was not the image he projected as he addressed cheer-

ing supporters after yesterday's victory.

The man who had been begging New Hampshire voters to accept him "warts and all" relished the moment with an oft-quoted line from 19th century satirist Mark Twain.

"Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated," Bush said. "Thank you, New Hampshire."

Former television evangelist Pat Robertson, who shocked Bush by finishing second in Iowa, was fifth and last in the Republican New Hampshire contest at about 10 per cent support.

Third place went to Conservative New York congressman Jack Kemp at about 13 per cent. Former Delaware governor Pierre Du Pont was fourth with slightly over 10 per cent.

Robertson had boasted he would finish third and maybe even second in New Hampshire. But his support was limited by the small number of evangelical Christians in the state, and his extreme position on many issues seemed to scare off some voters.

Kemp claimed his own campaign was "born again".

Compared to the Republicans, the end of the Democratic contest was almost free of acrimony.

As expected, Massachusetts Governor Dukakis, a household name in neighbouring New Hampshire, won easily.

He beat his nearest rival, Missouri congressman Gephardt, by 36 to 20 per cent. Illinois Senator Simon was third with 17 per cent.

## Israeli agents 'killed' honeymooning bride

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17. (UPI): A coroner's report said a honeymooning bride who plunged to her death from a luxury liner, drowned when she was choked and thrown overboard, but the woman's husband now says she was slain by Israeli agents.

Scott Roston, 36, arrested in the death of his bride, Karen, initially told investigators that strong winds blew his wife off the cruise ship as she was jogging on a track on the deck.

But hours after the autopsy findings were disclosed yesterday, Roston's lawyer read a

statement from his client that said the agents were trying to frame him in retaliation for his book exposing the "countless crimes" committed by the Israeli government.

The body of Karen Roston, 26, was found on Saturday floating in the ocean about 30 miles southwest of San Diego, after falling from the luxury liner Star Dancer almost 10 hours earlier.

Coast Guard officials said winds, at the time her husband said she was blown overboard,

measured only 4 or 5 mph (6-8 kph).

The FBI arrested Roston when the Bahamian-registered ship docked on Saturday in Long Beach. He was ordered held without bail on an arrest warrant issued by the Bahamas, which intends to charge Roston with murder on the high seas, court documents said.

Assistant US Attorney Spurgeon Smith said it had not yet been decided whether the Bahamas or the United States would press the charges against Roston.



Bush, with his wife Barbara at his side, thanks his supporters after winning in New Hampshire. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Last Emperor tops Academy nominations

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17. (Reuters): The film "The Last Emperor," Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci's spectacular story of China as seen by the country's last emperor, led the Oscar field today with nine nominations.

It was closely followed by "Broadcast News," the story of a TV anchorman, with seven nominations including nods for its three stars, William Hurt, Albert Brooks and Holly Hunter.

The British film "Hope and Glory," director John Boorman's war memory of himself growing up during the Second World War in Britain, received five nominations, including one for Boorman as best director, and best picture.

Nominated for best actor were Michael Douglas for his role as a high finance corporation raider in "Wall Street," William Hurt as an anchorman in "Broadcast News," Italian actor Marcello

Mastroianni for "Dark Eyes," Jack Nicholson for a down-and-out in "Ironweed," and comedian Robin Williams as a loudspeaking disc-jockey in "Good Morning, Vietnam."

Cher was nominated for best actress for her role as an Italian widow in "Moonstruck," along with Glenn Close, who played a clinging lover in "Fatal Attraction," Holly Hunter, who was in love triangle in "Broadcast News," Sally Kirkland for her sensitive portrayal of an older actress in "Anna" and Meryl Streep as a poor widow in "Ironweed."

The five films nominated for best picture were: "Broadcast News," "Fatal Attraction," "The Last Emperor," "The Last of the Mohicans," and "Moonstruck."

Among the wounded was Laura Black, 26, a woman who had obtained a court order to keep Farley away from her and apparently was a primary target of the gunman's rage, police said.

Michaelis said Farley went to the second floor to confront Black.

## Gunman surrenders after killing 7

SUNNYVALE, California, Feb. 17. (UPI): A gunman fired from a silicon valley computer company for sexual harassment went on a shooting spree at the business yesterday, killing seven people and wounding five, including a woman who had spurned his advances, police said.

The gunman, identified as former employee Richard Farley, 40, surrendered more than five hours after he walked into ESL Inc. and opened fire.

Sunnyvale police patrol commander Alex Michaelis said late yesterday one body was found outside the building and six were discovered during a room-by-room search. The two women and five men were shot to death. Two of the victims were found in the stairwell, one downstairs and three upstairs.

The gunshots were all at the beginning of the situation, Michaelis said.

Farley was armed with two handguns, a shotgun and high-powered rifle and had two hand-dollers of ammunition strapped across his chest when he walked into the building yesterday afternoon.

After the shootings he held up on the second floor of the ESL building with hostages and workers who had locked themselves in their offices.

Hostage negotiator Ruben Grijalva, who talked to Farley for four hours, said that the gunman had cried on the telephone.

Farley told Grijalva he went into ESL intending to "blow the place up," destroying equipment but not harming any of the employees, but the situation got out of hand. Farley told the negotiator he did not know how many people he had shot.

When Grijalva mentioned food, Farley said he was hungry. He surrendered after police offered him sandwich and soft drink, the negotiator said.

Five ESL employees wounded in the shooting were taken from the building by police and were sent to area hospitals.

Among the wounded was Laura Black, 26, a woman who had obtained a court order to keep Farley away from her and apparently was a primary target of the gunman's rage, police said.

Michaelis said Farley went to the second floor to confront Black.

## Controversial ex-minister Savary dies

PARIS, Feb. 17. (AP): Alain Savary, the Education Minister whose policies sent millions protesting in the streets and threatened to bring down the government of Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, has died, the Socialist Party announced today. He was 69.

According to the statement, Savary had been hospitalized for several weeks with a serious infection. No details were provided.

Lionel Jospin, Secretary of the Socialist Party, expressed his "very sincere condolences" to the family and friends of the former minister, who served as Education Minister from 1981 until he resigned in 1984.

"Courageous, lucid, discrete, Alain Savary put loyalty and honor behind his convictions. He will remain one of the great names of socialism," said Jospin. Savary was the party secretary from 1969 to 1971 and "was one of the moving forces behind the party's renaissance," Jospin said.

In 1984, Savary proposed a bill bearing his name that unsuccessfully attempted to institute Mitterrand's campaign promises to revamp France's private education system.

## Palestinian killed in fresh unrest

(Continued from Page 1)

ambassador Torleif Anda to rebuke him for comparing Israeli actions in the territories to Nazi outrages.

The Jerusalem Post quoted Anda, 66, as telling reporters yesterday in Haifa: "What the Germans did, including beating and torturing prisoners and suspects was very bad. But we do not remember them going out into the streets to break people's arms and legs or pulling children out of their homes at night."

The envoy said he had been misunderstood, saying he never intended to compare the regime of Nazi Germany with the government of Israel.

A military court sentenced Wafiq Mansour, 55, an Arab from the Israeli village of Tira, to life in prison for planting a bomb last February on a Haifa-Jerusalem bus. Nine passengers were injured, several of them seriously.

Five members of the local council of A-Ram, a West Bank town on the outskirts of Jerusalem, resigned their posts this week, former deputy council head Bahjat Za'al said today.

## Account

In Washington, a former US ambassador to Qatar gave Kuna his eyewitness account of a Palestinian woman in Gaza who was severely beaten and robbed by Israeli security forces after trying to stop the same men from beating her children.

The former diplomat said the woman's tale was a good example of the "terrible racism" of Israel that was "shocking to see up close."

Andrew Kilgore, US ambassador to Qatar from 1977 to 1981, told Kuna in an exclusive interview he saw the Palestinian woman on Jan. 19 in Gaza.

His group spent six days visiting Gaza, Nablus, and other sites of Palestinian uprising.

He was there with five other foreign service officials and other Middle East observers as part of a fact-finding visit to the embattled occupied territories.

Kilgore said he and the other Americans were briefed on the crisis by journalists and Palestine Red Crescent officials while at a law firm in Gaza.

While there, they brought a woman who had to be half-carried, who had been beaten on her legs, feet and thighs... so badly she couldn't walk. Kilgore said. He described the woman... from the Burj refugee camp... as "screaming and crying" from the physical abuse.

The Israelis, he added, had also "beaten her five kids and they'd stolen 100 dinars and stolen her gold bracelet."

Protect Kilgore said it was never clear whether the soldiers had beaten her for "general meanness" or because she had tried to protect her children from what Israel calls its "defence forces."

At the same time, Kilgore said he had saved a seemingly empty tear gas canister whose invisible fumes, he described, were so potent his eyes still smart from examining it.

While reading the label, the former US envoy said he was surprised by the legend: "Made in Salzburg, Pennsylvania, 1988."

British opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock began a four-day visit to Israel and occupied Arab territories today saying he intended to discover what was holding up an international Middle East peace conference.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir met several Italian party leaders, including Communist Party chief Alessandro Natta today before leaving for home after a three-day visit.

Natta said after the meeting the two sides disagreed on many points including "the methods of finding a solution to a problem that not only involves the security of Israel but also the rights of other peoples."

Summit King Hassan of Morocco called in an interview today for an Arab summit to be held during the next six weeks to discuss Israeli violence in the occupied territories.

An urgent Arab summit is needed within one month or six weeks to discuss the Palestinian resistance inside Israel," King Hassan said in remarks published in the weekly Al-Mussawwar.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat yesterday flew into Cairo unexpectedly, met with a senior government official and left shortly after, airport officials said.

The source, who refused to be identified, gave no details of Arafat's meeting with Osama Al Baz, chief political aide to Egyptian President Mubarak.

This is Arafat's first visit since the PLO and Egypt improved relations last November following a seven month freeze.

## Sheraton

**Spotlight**

**Shopping List**

- Freshly baked bread
- Smoked fish - U.S. Beef
- Home made pasta - assorted
- Swiss, Italian and French cheese
- Teuscher chocolate to serve with coffee

For the finer things in life... There's only one place to go, the **Gourmet Shop**, Kuwait Sheraton Hotel.

فندق شيراتون الكويت  
Kuwait Sheraton Hotel  
The hospitality people of Kuwait

Al Doha Furniture Company  
Announces the opening of their shop.

**The Chinese Exhibition.**  
Handmade, Arts, Handicrafts and Furniture

Chinese carpets and rarities

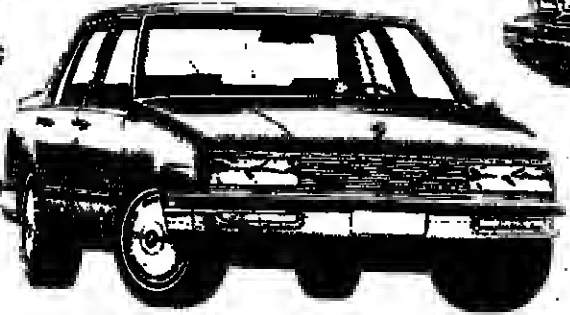
The exhibition will be from 10.00 am to 10.00 pm

فولدي (ت) Holiday Inn

## Varied Luxury, One Name... Buick.

## Special offer for February.

Prices start from 4350 KD.



**BEHBEHANI**

2421350 Sharq  
4717876 Al Rai  
4719888



IN COOPERATION WITH  
KUWAIT FINANCE HOUSE



DOWN PAYMENT  
MONTHLY INSTALMENT

100 KD.  
113 KD.

مركز التمويل

**BUMPER TO BUMPER**  
Parts & Accessories Center

**MITSUBISHI GALANT SPECIALS**

**GALLANT TOTAL TUNE-UP:**  
Includes Air Filter, Fuel Filter, Spark Plugs & Carburetor Kit.  
KD. 16/-

**GALLANT ENGINE (REMANUFACTURED)**  
Retail: KD. 295/-  
Installed: KD. 345/-

**GALLANT BRAKES**  
Brake Pads  
KD. 2,400  
Installed: KD. 6,950

**GALLANT BRAKES**  
Brake Shoes  
KD. 3,350  
Installed: KD. 7,950

**GALLANT WINDSCREEN**  
KD. 29/-  
(Installed)

**GALLANT MUFFLERS FRONT**  
Retail: KD. 8,300  
Installed: KD. 12,250

**GALLANT MUFFLERS REAR**  
Retail: KD. 9,650  
Installed: KD. 13,500

**GALLANT OIL FILTER**  
Retail: KD. 0,650  
With oil change: KD. 4,900

• All our parts have a minimum three months warranty.  
• We help you fix right at our Bumper To Bumper Quick Service Center.  
• Ask for our specials on other MITSUBISHI models.

Opening hours: From 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. weekdays & 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends & public holidays.

**Yusuf A. Alghamdi & Sons W.L.L.**  
Tel. Sharq 4942988 - Al Rai 4722234  
An affiliate of Alghamdi Industries

**Shurwaikh**  
Al Rai

**Al Rai**

**BUMPER TO BUMPER**  
If we can't help you, nobody can.



## Ershad foes call another strike

DHAKA, Feb. 17, (Reuters): Tens of thousands of opposition workers cheered and clapped today as their leaders called a 36-hour general strike to disrupt Bangladesh's parliamentary elections on March 3.

The strike call was issued at separate rallies in Dhaka by leaders of three opposition alliances embracing 21 political parties as part of a campaign begun in November to force President Hossain Mohammad Ershad to resign.

Hundreds of riot policemen watched from a distance as the leaders said the nationwide strike would begin at 6 am (0000 GMT) on March 2.

Police did not try to stop the rallies but they arrested senior Awami League leader Abdul Mannan as he led a march afterwards.

### Protest

They also announced plans for a week of protest from next Monday to organise a mass boycott of the parliamentary polls which Ershad called after he dissolved

parliament in December.

Opposition leaders have demanded Ershad hand over power to a caretaker government but he has refused to resign under pressure.

On Monday, Ershad said he would deploy the Army to help nearly 100,000 paramilitary police and auxiliary forces ensure an orderly vote despite opposition threats.

### Duty

Addressing a rally, Bangladesh Nationalist Party chairman Begum Khaleda Zia called on the Army "not to confront people trying to resist a farcical election."

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, the other main opposition leader, urged officials, teachers and others not to act as polling officers during the controversial elections.

"This is your duty to rise against the autocratic ruler and help people struggling to establish a flawless democracy. The days of clinging to power by force are gone," she said.

## Hekmatyar fears rebel-Islamabad conflict

# Pakistan warned on Afghan accord

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 17, (Reuters): A radical Afghan rebel leader said today it would be a "historic blunder" for Pakistan to sign a UN-sponsored peace accord at Geneva.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, head of one of the seven Pakistan-based rebel parties, told a news conference that to sign would effectively mean recognising the Soviet-backed Kabul government and would cause conflict between Islamabad and the mujahedeen.

The Kremlin hoped to gain by the accord two things it had failed to win in eight years of fighting — an end to the war and recognition of President Najibullah's government, he

said.

The Soviet Union has offered to start withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan from May 15 provided an agreement is signed to the six-year-old Geneva peace talks by March 15.

Pakistan, which supports the rebels, has refused, saying agreement must first be reached on a new interim government.

### Blunder

Hekmatyar, 38, said the accord would neither end the nine-year-old conflict nor free Pakistan of the burden of three million Afghan refugees.

"To sign the Geneva accord would be an historic blunder," he said through an interpreter. "We hope Pakistan will stick to its

position and stand firm."

The seven-party alliance has been negotiating plans for its own interim government to take over and prepare for national elections following a Soviet withdrawal.

Hekmatyar said the seven leaders would announce their new government before the Geneva talks resume on March 2. "This will be the sole representative government of the Afghan nation," he said.

He reiterated the rebels' refusal to consider sharing power with Najibullah's People's Democratic Party but that some non-party people who had served in the Kabul government and are Muslims would be accep-

## Iran seeks French ties in exchange for hostages

PARIS, Feb. 17, (Reuters): Iran has cold-shouldered appeals for the release of three Frenchmen held hostage in Lebanon, telling Paris to restore relations with Tehran before it can expect any help.

The blunt condition was set by Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Ali Reza Moayeri in an interview with French television last night marking the 1,000th day in captivity for French journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann.

Two French diplomats have also been held since March 1985. Moayeri said that until France restored relations broken off last July, "no move in favour of the

hostages can be made."

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, after listening to Iran's virtual acknowledgement that it held a key to the hostages' future, responded that France could only restore them once the three were home safe.

### Interrogation

Chirac's prompt rejection came in a tense interview on the Antenne-2 network, watched by Kauffmann's parents in a link-up with the family's Brittany livingroom, where photographs of their son topped the fireplace.

Chirac said he sympathised with the family but begged them to understand that negotiations

for the release of the hostages required secrecy.

Paris severed ties with Tehran last summer after the Iranian Embassy refused to let a French judge interrogate an Iranian suspected of complicity in a wave of Paris bombings in 1986.

Police besieged each other's legation for months until two French hostages held by pro-Iranian Shi'ites in Lebanon were released in November.

The crisis quickly ended and France later ordered a crack-down on exile Iranian dissidents, in what critics said was clearly a deal with the government of Ayatollah Khomeini.

## Hell camp opens first class in US

MALIBU, California, Feb. 17, (UPI): Kanisha Yosei Gakko, the fabled Japanese "hell camp" that claims to develop leadership in business executives through "100 litres of sweat and 100 litres of tears," opened its first class in the United States yesterday.

The 13-day camp located on a ranch in the rugged mountains over Malibu started its first class promising that those who complete the course will reach the business "heaven" of effective and decisive management.

"Our training is designed to develop true leadership," said Yasuo Motohashi, a principal of the training school who flew from Japan to oversee the school's first US class, which is made up of two women and eight men, including a father-son team.

Most of the participants are in their late 40s to early 50s and hold mid-to senior-level management positions, school officials said.

"Our training requires 100 litres of sweat, 100 litres of tears. That's why we call it hell camp," said Naoyoshi Fujimori, the school's head instructor. "In this 13-day hell camp, (our goal is) to get you back to heaven."

One of the students, Deborah Alagna, president of a Huntington Beach sales training company, said she enrolled in the \$2,400 course to "stretch my mind, learn my weaknesses and fine-tune my strengths."

## Khaddafi has nose surgery

LONDON, Feb. 17, (AP): Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khaddafi has undergone successful surgery on his nose. Libyan Television said Tuesday.

The television, monitored in London, said Khaddafi had the surgery Monday at Ibn Al Nafis Hospital in the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

He left the hospital last night "in an excellent state and in

good health," the report said.

It said doctors in the hospital's ear, nose and throat section carried out "a successful operation" on Khaddafi's nasal passages, but gave no further details.

The television showed Khaddafi sitting in a hospital chair, and wearing a mask. He was shown talking to doctors, then shaking hands with them, and walking out of the ward.

## Sudanese rebels block food aid

KHARTOUM, Feb. 17, (AP): Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi has accused southern rebels of "food terrorism," saying that they refused to give safe conduct to a non-governmental organisation offering relief for starving Sudanese in the south.

Answering questions in the Constituent Assembly, the national parliament, El Mahdi said the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army had insisted that the relief aid be distributed through them. He said the rebels wanted to "use the aid 'for political reasons' and distribute it among rebel supporters only."

El Mahdi accused the SPLA of being a terrorist organisation, and said it was using food as a weapon against the southern population.

The Prime Minister said that the Council of Mercy, a Sudanese non-governmental organisation, had been denied safe conduct by the SPLA.

### Starvation

But the council's chairman, Pacifico Lodo Lolek, implicitly denied this. He said that his talks with the rebels in Ethiopia had not failed and that he would be going back to resume negotiations.

El Mahdi denied charges by parliamentarian Angelo Guang that 24 persons had starved to death in the southern Upper Nile province. But the Prime Minister

said he could not rule out the possibility of people dying of starvation in rebel-controlled areas.

The SPLA, which took up arms against the government in 1983, claims to control at least 90 per cent of the countryside in the south. It says the government continues to control the cities in the three southern provinces of Upper Nile, Bahr El-Ghazal and Equatoria.

But continued fighting between government troops and the rebels has forced hundreds of thousands of southerners to flee their fields and livestock and gather around the cities where they become completely dependent on food relief.

El Mahdi accused the SPLA of fomenting religious-ethnic discord which he predicted could only lead to disastrous consequences.

The southerners, mainly Christian and animist, are a minority compared to the northern Muslim majority which dominates the Khartoum government. The SPLA, whose estimated 30,000 fighters are mostly southerners, rebelled to demand greater autonomy and administrative and economic reforms in the south.

The SPLA has accused the government of using civilian planes and relief operations to ferry reinforcements to its troops in the south.

## Thailand and Laos agree to ceasefire

BANGKOK, Feb. 17, (Reuters): Thailand and Laos signed a ceasefire pact today to end six months of bitter fighting over a small section of their border, a top Laotian official said.

Laotian Chief of Staff General Sisavat Keohounphan told reporters after signing the agreement with Thai military commander General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh that forces vying for disputed hills would ceasefire immediately.

He said their troops would pull back to a distance of three km (two miles) from the Thais after a joint military committee had been formed to police the ceasefire.

### Remote

Clashes over remote border hills about 400 km (240 miles) north of Bangkok had flared in recent weeks to the worst violence in modern Thai-Lao relations.

Unofficial Thai reports said 300 Thai soldiers and 400

Laotians were killed in ground combat, artillery exchanges and air strikes by Thai jets since the fighting erupted last August.

Thai officers said there had been no fighting in the area since Sisavat arrived at Thai Air Force headquarters yesterday for his two days of talks with Chavalit.

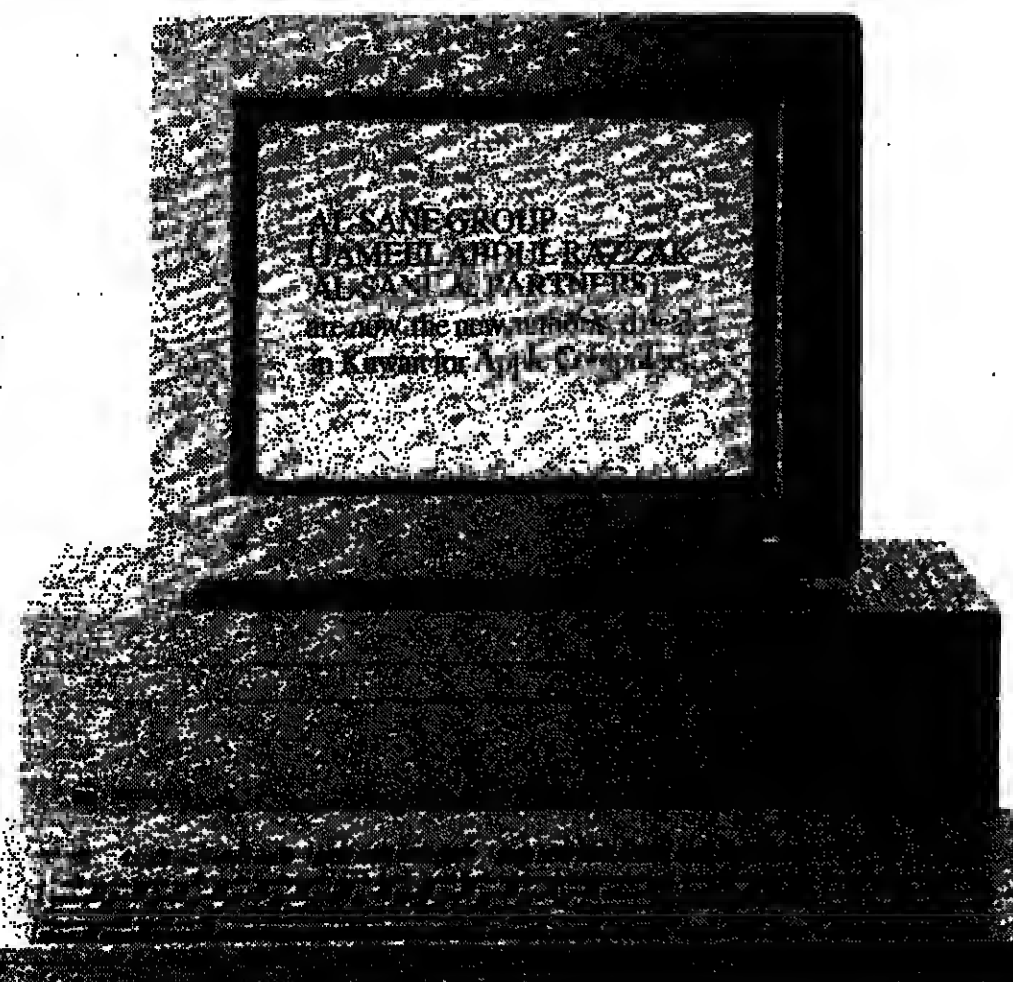
Immediately after signing the pact Chavalit escorted Sisavat to an awaiting Laotian aircraft which took off immediately for Vientiane.

### 17 killed in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Feb. 17, (AP): Iranian-backed Shiite Muslim commandos and pro-Israeli militiamen fought a six-hour battle in South Lebanon today. Police said 17 fighters were killed and four wounded.

A police spokesman said the two sides used rockets, mortars, and automatic rifles in the clash south of the Christian town of Jezzine, 10 miles (17 kilometres) east of the port city of Sidon.

# And here is the info(rmation) you won't get at INFO '88.



## Too bad you won't see us at INFO '88.

The new Apple Computers Center will open soon. It will be located at FUTOUH CENTER facing Salhiyah Mosque and Salhiyah Complex. Meanwhile if you need any assistance from Apple — please feel free to contact us at the following telephone numbers: 5724165 or 5721303. See you when the show is over.

The power to be your best.



Al Sane Group W.L.L.  
(JAMEEL ABUL RAZZAK AL SANE & PARTNERS)  
P.O. BOX 755 SAFAT  
13008 SAFAT - KUWAIT



© 1987 Apple Computer Inc. Apple, the Apple logo, Macintosh Plus, Macintosh SE and Macintosh II are registered trademarks of Apple Computer Inc.

## Fridays Discovery Brunch

Special fun for children

- Parents can relax while children enjoy top-notch entertainment.
- Ship's Discovery Tour
- Cruise Deck
- Free discovery activities
- Guided and unguided tours
- Children's program
- Parking complimentary

KD. 4.500 per person

Tel: 4228077/4228044

THE SHIP



Every Friday

From 1st of January 1988

From 12 - 3 pm.

# بيت الأسرة

## We are the best

## The Family House

Indoor plants Dept.

Household items Dept.

Children's requirements Dept.

Books and reference Dept.

Electrical appliances Dept.

Free Gifts

Special Offer

Our Depts at your Service

All your needs & requirements

Papal Cole St. — beside Mercedes Garage — Tel. 4830922/3

Open 7 days a week

THE FAMILY HOUSE



# Kuwaiti children lack proper parenting

"THE Absence of Motherhood" was the title of a symposium held as part of the Second Educational Week organised by Kuwait University's educational psychology department. As the title suggests, the symposium dealt with the effects of the "absent mother" on a child's health and psychological development and the impact servants have on children.

Dr Ahmad Abdullah, a professor at the education faculty of Kuwait University, speaking at the symposium, said there was no legitimate reason to deprive children of proper parental attention. It was emphasised throughout the symposium that Kuwait's society is seriously threatened by the absence of proper parenting, which has resulted from the misuse of servants in Kuwaiti homes.

It was stated that maids have assumed the responsibility for childcare that normally is

assumed by mothers. Dr Layla Al Dosouki, also from Kuwait University, said that some mothers even allow the maids to take their children to clinics when they are ill. They are given this responsibility, she said, in spite of the fact that they may be unable to even speak Arabic and could possibly misunderstand instructions regarding medication which should be given to the sick child.

**Breastfeed**  
A shocking statistic, based on a study conducted in 1986, shows that 560 deaths among children under four years of age were the result of negligence on the part of mothers.

Breastfeeding, almost unheard of in Kuwait now, was stressed as an important factor in creating a bond between mother and child. Dr Al Dosouki said the number of mothers breastfeeding their children had dropped from 90 per cent in 1979 to 20 per cent in 1985.

She said that in addition to the psychological factors influenced by the absence of breastfeeding, health factors are also affected, both for the mother and the child. For example, children who are not breastfed do not develop immunity to many common diseases, she said, adding that mothers who breastfeed their children are less likely to develop breast cancer.

Dr Al Dosouki said that mothers who allow their children to be fed by maids are subjecting them to several diseases, especially diarrhoea. Maids are apt to make mistakes in mixing formulas, she added, and to feed the child at irregular intervals.

Dr Ibrahim Al Khalifi, from Kuwait University, said the problem of maids caring for Kuwaiti children has become a common family conversation. He emphasised that maids are brought to Kuwait for a purpose, which did not include the responsibility of raising our children.

## Jordanian premier visits Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Feb 17, (Reuters): Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai arrived in Baghdad today as part of his country's consultations with key regional leaders on the latest Middle East peace moves.

An Arab diplomat said Rifai had a letter from King Hussein on his attempts to reconcile Iraq and Syria.

He said Rifai will have talks with Iraqi officials on the Iraq-Iran war and Iraqi efforts to further develop the relations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

## Kuwaiti students to attend seminar at Harvard University

WASHINGTON, Feb 17, (Kuna): A Kuwaiti student delegation will take part in a UN-model seminar at Harvard University on Thursday, the cultural counsellor Dr Musaed Al Haroun told Kuna.

Al Haroun added last night that the four-day seminar aims at giving the opportunity for students from all countries to get acquainted with the activities of the United Nations as well as the role of the international organisation in serving world peace.

The Kuwaiti delegation comprises Fuad Abdullah Al Omar,

Amer Helal Al Muteiri, Nabil Al Adami, Amir Al Kout and Jehad Al Qabandi. They are all students currently studying at universities in the US.

Following the seminar the delegation will prepare a detailed report on the outcome of the conference to the cultural attaché, he said.

Al Haroun said the Kuwaiti students were among those invited to participate because Kuwait is one of the countries that continues to exercise efforts aimed at achieving world peace.



Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed (left) Yusuf Jassam Al Hajl, the Chairman of the International Islamic Charity Authority (centre) and Dr Al Awadi.



The Editor-in-Chief of Al Sayassah newspaper (right) chats with Saad Al Nahedh a leading Kuwaiti citizen at the luncheon in honour of Dr Al Awadi.

## Razzak holds luncheon in honour of Awadi

KUWAIT'S Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak held a luncheon in honour of the former Minister of Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, who has recently been appointed Minister of Planning.

In a before-dinner speech Dr Abdul Razzak expressed his appreciation for the sincere efforts of Dr Awadi in developing the ministry's services. The ministry's Undersecretary Dr Naeef Al Naqbi also praised the

work of Dr Awadi as Minister of Health, saying he was a friend to all of the ministry's employees.

The luncheon was attended by a number of members of the ruling family, Ministers of Communications, Abdullah Al Sharhan; Education, Aowar Abdullah Al Nouri; Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed; in addition to undersecretaries, directors of health areas and hospitals and members of the press.



Pictured from left to right: Kuwait's ministers of Communications, Health and Education; Kuwait University's Rector Abdul Mohsen Abdul Razzak; and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs.



Minister Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak (right) and the Director General of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Ibrahim Al Duaili listen to one of the speeches honouring Dr Al Awadi.

## REQUIRED ACCOUNTANT

Candidates should have:

- Degree in accountancy from a recognised university.
- Membership of a professional accounting body will be an added advantage.
- 2 to 3 years post-qualification experience with a professionally-managed company or an international accounting firm.
- Working knowledge of computerised accounting system.
- Fluency in spoken and written English is a must. Working knowledge of Arabic will be an added advantage.

Candidates who are not more than 30 years of age, and who can get a release from their current sponsor, should send a handwritten C.V. together with a recent photograph by 25th February 1988 to:

**The Manager - Finance & Administration**  
P.O. Box 2952, Safat  
13030, Safat, Kuwait.

All correspondence will be kept in strict confidence.



Pictures show: A small girl welcoming HH the Amir (above). Al Nouri delivering his speech (below left) while the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, cabinet ministers and other invitees listen.



## 800 students face suspension

THE National Union of Kuwaiti Students at the Kuwait University said that over 800 students, 700 of them Kuwaiti, from those admitted in the 1986-1987 academic year are threatened with academic suspension and expulsion from the university.

These students, representing 40 per cent of those admitted for the 86-87 academic year, face suspension and possible expulsion as a result of the implementation of the newly-amended rules of the credit hour system at the university.

The union said the recent actions were too severe and were not a solution to the academic problems facing the university.

Spokesmen for the union added that the university's administration refused to listen to previous proposals.

### Warning

Union officials said that 46 per cent of the students from those enrolled in September, 1986 received their first academic warning after they had already completed their second semester and 99 per cent received their second warning and were put on probation in the third semester. These students now face possible suspension from the university, they added.

For those admitted in 86-87, over 700 Kuwaiti students will be

suspended by the end of the third semester because of their low academic performance, the union said.

The union said that according to their studies, 45 per cent of the Kuwaitis enrolled in September 1987 are threatened with suspension under the implementation of the stricter academic requirements.

Union officials predicted that the majority of these students would be expelled before they reach their final year. The union has urged the university administration to review these amendments to avoid such expulsions.

## Mellor to tour Mideast

LONDON, Feb 17, (Kuna): British Foreign Office Minister David Mellor will begin on February 23 a week-long Middle East tour that will take him to Iraq, Bahrain and Jordan, it was officially confirmed today.

The Foreign Office said that the visit is part of Mellor's familiarisation process in the countries of the region with a view to develop bilateral relations.

He will be in Iraq from February 23 to 26 and from there he will travel to Bahrain for a similar two-day visit. Then he will proceed to Jordan on March 1.

Mellor's talks in the three Arab countries will cover the Iran-Iraq war and efforts to stop the fighting, the latest Palestinian uprising and the need for a speedy solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute, British sources said.

Bilateral relations will also figure in the exchanges.

The Minister, who is responsible for the Middle East, has become popular in the Arab world after his scathing attack on illegal Israeli policies during a recent visit to Gaza.

## Cleanest centre

THE Third Area of the Cleanliness and Roads Department of Kuwait Municipality, in cooperation with the Public Relations Department, held a ceremony honouring the cleanest centre in the area and outstanding employees.

The ceremony was attended by the assistant director general for health affairs at Kuwait Municipality Waseel Mansour and the controller of the Third Area Mutlaq Al Baghli.

The projects are aimed at completing approved plans to improve military installations, public relations directorate said.

Defence Ministry Undersecretary and Assistant Undersecretary for military installations affairs attended the signing ceremony.

## Commercial licences valid for four years

THE validity of commercial licences has been changed to four years instead of one year as at present, the assistant undersecretary for commercial affairs at the Commerce and Industry Ministry, Rashed Al Mujren, said.

He said that the ministry had recognised the licensing department.

He said the ministry's different public services catered directly to the requirements of citizens, and the ministry constantly improved and developed the level of these services. Al Mujren said the reorganisation of the commercial licensing department was carried out by a Kuwaiti working team with

adequate experience in the field to enable it to simplify measures, introduce new services and computerise the operations.

The first phase of the work includes identification of existing problems and impediments preliminary to studying possible solutions, and updating all company files.

He said the ministry had prepared a special directory for reference and it also contained information essential for issuing licences.

Al Mujren said the next stage would include computerisation of the department's operations and utilisation of the latest technical equipment for public services.

## Amir of Qatar praises GCC achievements

LONDON, Feb 17, (Kuna): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani has praised the achievements made by the Gulf Cooperation Council, saying they demonstrated success of the experiment in realising welfare of the GCC peoples and the Arab nation.

In an interview with the London-based Al Hawadeth magazine, appearing on Thursday, the Qatari ruler attributed success of the council to the correct appraisal made by the council leaders of the region's actual conditions and the gradual application of steps to address the region's problems.

Sheikh Khalifa hailed, in the interview, the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab lands, describing it as a bold and

forceful expression of determination to fight Israel's occupation until victory.

### Pipeline

He called upon Arab countries to rally their forces behind Palestinians and support this revolt. Thus making use of its results in serving the just Palestinian cause.

In the interview, the Qatari ruler reiterated his country's commitment to resolutions adopted by the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in respect of oil production and prices, revealing in this connection a Turkish offer under study to build a pipeline carrying Qatari natural gas across its territory and further to European and world markets.

## WANTED Young experienced tailors

With transferable residence to work in our textile factory.  
Pls contact personally between 10.00 am - 4.00 pm  
National Textiles Company, Opp. to Municipality & Gulf Bank, Salsan Industrial Area.

## VACANCY Mechanical engineer

having 2-5 years of experience in operation and maintenance of plant & equipment.  
Tel. 4742835/4718478.

## WANTED A mechanic

to repair all types of cars. Residence permit will be provided.  
Contact: Mr. Riaz Khan, Sahara Mechanical Garage, Al Mansour & Al Andaliy Sq., Near Al Rodan Garage.

## National Day celebrations begin

CELEBRATIONS for the 27th anniversary of Kuwait's National Day began yesterday with HH the Amir's patronage of the graduation ceremony at Kuwait University.

The National Committee for the Celebrations for National Day yesterday issued a list of functions and occasions that will be celebrated during this month.

It said that HH the Amir will open the Waterfront Project at 4 pm on Feb 22.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah will patronise the opening of a musical play "The Great Love" at the Private Institute theatre on Feb 21 at 7.30 pm. He will also patronise a big musical show "The Wall Story" to be held at the Congress Centre hall on Feb 23 by the Education Ministry.

**Exhibition**  
Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah will open a formative arts exhibition at Kuwait National Museum on Feb 21 and an exhibition of pictures of old Kuwait at the Hilton Hotel on Feb 22.

The Public Works Minister, Abdul Rahman Al Houti, will open the Jahra Motorway on Feb 21 and the Fahahel Motorway on Feb 24.

Electricity and Water Minister, Dr Homoud Al Rqobah will open the first phase of the reverse osmosis water desalination plant, a sub-station for Kuwait City and a power transformer station for Kuwait city on Feb 23. He will patronise the ministry marathon on Feb 24.

### Exchange

The Communications Minister, Abdullah Al Sharhan, will open the Sulabiya telephone exchange office on Feb 20 and Jahra telephone and postal centre on Feb 24.

tre on Feb 24.

The chairman of the celebrations committee, Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Al Ahmed, will attend the Feb 25 torch festival on Feb 20. He will patronise the celebrations to be held at the Red Fort in Jahra on Feb 24, and open the Bayao Society Development Centre and the musical function to be held at the centre on Feb 24. He will also patronise the sports events to be held at the Al Arabi stadium on March 4.

The State Minister for Housing Affairs, Nasser Al Roudhan, will patronise the opening of four fully furnished houses at the Rabia project, and the distribution of plots of land at Fintas, Rabia and Jahra. He will also patronise the celebrations to be held at the Salmiya popular cafe and the national art contest at Daiya Youth Centre.

The State Minister for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Al Rifai, will patronise the opening of Safat Square on Feb 29.

## Second convoy of relief aid arrives in Bekaa

BEKAA, Feb 17, (Kuna): The second convoy of the Relief aid to Lebanon comprising of 36 trucks laden with foodstuffs, blankets, and cloths as well as medical supplies arrived here today.

The convoy was received by the representative of the Lebanese President, acting Prime Minister Dr Salim Al Hoos and other officials.

The trucks were received at the Syrian-Lebanese border of Al-Masne check point, by a cheering Lebanese crowd.

Sheikh Mubarak Saud Al Sabah who is a representative of the office of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and Kuwaiti Ambassador to Syria Ahmad Al Jassim supervised the handing-over of the convoy that unloaded its cargo in special stores of Al Hareeri Foundation.

Distribution of aid to the needy Lebanese people was discussed by Sheikh Mubarak and director of the foundation.

The aid will be distributed by a central authority chaired by Al-Hoss.

## Heavy rain lashes UAE

ABU DHABI, Feb 17, (Kuna): United Arab Emirates is witnessing a heavy rainy weather and cloudy conditions, making visibility during day time very low, causing drivers to turn on lights when driving in the morning.

The rain continued for the third day today, which signals that a very good agricultural season lies ahead, as well as a rise in the level of the water.

Meanwhile, weather forecasts are expecting that the heavy rains will continue falling on different parts of the country.

The weather caused somehow, heavy traffic on the roads and some areas were almost isolated.

## Omani minister in Cairo

CAIRO, Feb 17, (Kuna): Oman's Education Minister Yahya Bin Mahfouz Al Mandari last night arrived here for an official visit during which he will deliver a message to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak from Sultan Qaboos of Oman.

The message deals with bilateral relations between Oman and Egypt, Radio Cairo reported today.

## Sabah receives Nigerian envoy

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received Nigerian Ambassador to Kuwait Mustafa Saleh.

Bilateral relations and means of boosting them as well as issues of common interest were discussed at the meeting.

## Indian envoy in trade talks

INDIA'S Ambassador to Kuwait, N.N. Jha, yesterday visited the Undersecretary of the Commerce and Industry Ministry, Abdullah Al Hamad.

They discussed increasing trade relations, strengthening existing relations and the exchange of delegations.



**Want to learn about Computers?**

**Join KCSC Courses**

- Data Entry • Operations
- Programming • Systems Analysis
- MS-DOS • dBase III • Lotus 123
- Word Processing • Computer Science
- Advanced CS

**COURSES COMMENCE ON 27/2/88**

**SALMIA**

Salem Mubarak St.

5726663 5726669

**FAHAHEEL**

Mecca St.

3921175 3921195



## Registration of students

DR. MUSTAFA MIAARAFI, the Dean of Admissions and Registration at Kuwait University, announced that the registration office will begin using a central computer system for registration during the summer session. He explained in a press conference that the central computer system would save time and will enable students to register for courses from different faculties without having to go from building to building. He added that the university had purchased 40 terminals for the computer system at Khaldiya Hall in addition to four computer keyboards for student schedules.

Kuwait University's General Registrar Musaed Al Dakheel said the university had placed certain restrictions on summer session students, which include limiting the number of credits taken during the summer to four except for students in medical sciences. He added that students whose names have been placed on the academic warning list will also be allowed to take summer courses.

## Heart disease affecting more people

By Jadranka Porter

TODAY, fewer people die of heart disease in Kuwait than in 1981. However, the incidence of cardiovascular complaints is on the increase, and is affecting younger age groups according to statistics compiled by the Kuwait Heart Foundation.

Dr Rashid Al Owaish, the secretary of the Foundation's board, has said that on average there are 80 heart attacks per every 100,000 people. Fifteen per cent of Kuwait's population is believed to suffer from hypertension related to heart disease.

In 1986, 1,500 people were reported to have suffered from severe heart attacks, and between 14 and 18 per cent of these patients died. Al Owaish believes

that another 600 to 800 people were afflicted by heart disease in the same period, but were not included into the records because they were not treated at any of the hospitals. It is this group that the Foundation aims to reach by campaigning for better preventive measures and a more efficient ambulance service. "We may not be able to cure them but we can improve their quality of life and postpone death" said Al Owaish.

The Foundation has shifted its priorities from efforts to set up a cardiology institute, at a cost of no less than KD 2 million, to boosting its education programme. In its lectures and TV spots the Foundation has urged the public to reduce the fat intake, take up exercise and stop smoking.



Dr Haasan Al Alawi, the Dean of Kuwait University's Faculty of Engineering and Petroleum, accompanied by assistant deans visited Kuwait's Ministry of Defence Military Installations Department on Tuesday. They were received by Sheikh Sabah Al Nasser, the Assistant Undersecretary of the Defence Ministry, and were shown round the department's various sections.

## Travel allowances raised

KUWAIT'S Civil Service Council met on Tuesday under the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed to discuss travel allowances and expense accounts of public employees while on official missions abroad.

The council decided to approve the recommendations of the committee set up to study these expenses and increased the travelling allowances from KD80 per diem to KD100 for officials' head positions and from KD60 to KD80 for

employees holding senior positions.

It was also agreed that directors of departments and members of delegations headed by ministers would receive first class air tickets when travelling on official missions.

The council approved an increase in the annual holiday for experts working on the Islamic Encyclopedia from the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs from 30 to 45 days. An allowance of KD200 was also approved for these experts who do not have government accommodation.

Minister Al Rashed said annual remuneration was also approved for members of the Higher Civil Aviation Council.

## Cooperatives endorse a number of proposals

BOARD of directors of the association of the Arab Cooperative Society Unions yesterday held its 2nd meeting and endorsed a number of recommendations.

Head of the 7th Arab cooperative conference and representative of the Kuwait delegation on Arab Al Noon stated that the council had agreed on establishing three liaison offices in Kuwait, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. No further details were revealed.

He said the council, which was presided over by secretary general of the association Qais Shreida, has also recommended that the association should join specialised Arab associations as well as increasing volume of membership. He did not elaborate.

The establishment of a permanent press committee in the association was also recommended during the session. Al Noon said, adding the conference reviewed the association's activities for the past period.

The next meeting of the association's board of directors will be held in Cairo in February 1989, he said, adding that four countries, Iraq, UAE, Egypt and Morocco have offered to host the 8th conference.

## Teenagers involved in break-in

A KUWAITI daily reported that the three boys who recently attempted to break into the safe at the Hawalli Immigration Department were teenagers.

It was reported that the three boys gained entry to the premises through a window with an air-conditioning unit. When the janitor attempted to stop them, the boys beat him and tied him up.

When the boys were unable to open the safe they fled. The janitor later informed security authorities of the break-in, giving a description of the three which led to their arrest.

## Stamp catalogue

FILATCO recently published its specialised Mail Auction Stamp Catalogue for Arab and other Islamic countries.

The sale includes stamps dating from 1800 to the present, and includes varieties, errors and scarce stamps rarely offered to the public.

The catalogue is free to all potential participants and major collectors from Filatco, Box 1461, Appleton, Wisconsin 54913 USA, telephone 414-735-0701, Telex No. 260355 ED Tech Aple. Telefax No. 414-735-9453.

## New Zealand envoy

MINISTER of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi met yesterday the Ambassador of New Zealand Daniel Richards.

Talks centered on bilateral relations and regional developments.

## Driving school plans under study

BRIGADIER Saad Al Jasser (retired) of Kuwait's Driving School Company said the company's proposed plans had been presented to a number of consulting firms in an effort to find the best way to implement the project. He added that the Driving School will be a highly developed project requiring all the necessary organisation and technology.

He said that four Driving Schools will be linked with the Driving School Company, with schools in the country's four governorates. He added that the schools will be connected with the company's head office by a computer network.

Al Jasser said the system used by the schools will be the same as that used by Kuwait's traffic department. He added that the project should be completed within a year.

## Mumtaz post

KUWAIT'S Post Office Department recently introduced the Mumtaz Post Service to Burkina Faso. The charge will be KD3 for the first half kilogramme or part thereof and KD2 for every additional half kilogramme or part thereof. The maximum weight is 20 kilogrammes.

The Post Office also announced a change in the regulations regarding postal items to Yugoslavia. It said that postal items to private persons of Yugoslavia or foreign nationality may contain articles up to Yugoslav Dinars 175,000 in value, excluding postage.

It also said that it will now accept all commercial parcels addressed to the Yemen Arab Republic even if they are not accompanied by import licences.

## 19 accidents

THERE were 19 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday.

Nine took place in the city, five in Hawalli and five in Ahmadi.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Palestinian uprising hailed

A KUWAITI newspaper yesterday hailed the popular uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab lands and accused the US of plotting to torpedo its momentum.

"It is a genuine revolution. The Palestinian people are seeking liberty, freedom and a dignified life," commented the daily Al Rai Al Aam editorially.

The paper charged that Washington was "unleashing trial balloons" to distract world public opinion from the events in occupied Palestine by means of making "tuttle" peace proposals.

But the paper asserted that all American-Israeli schemes against the Palestinian people and their revolutions are doomed to fail.

The daily emphasised that the will of Palestinian people has hardened as a result of the current upheaval which started last December 8.

## GULF PRESS

### Jordan pressing for peace conference

JORDAN, capitalising on the US renewed interest in Middle East peace, is pressing for full powers to be given to a proposed international peace conference to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, a United Arab Emirates newspaper reported yesterday.

The Abu Dhabi-based Al Itihad newspaper quoted Arab diplomats in Amman as saying Jordan considered Washington's new ideas for peace in the Middle East as "very advanced" compared with President Reagan's initiative of Sept 1982.

However, the paper said Amman was lobbying for mandatory powers to be accorded to the regional committees that would emanate from the conference.

The purpose is to come out with realistic and acceptable solutions to the complex crisis, the paper quoted the diplomats as saying.

It said approval of the formula was being sought by Jordan through talks conducted earlier this week by Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai in Egypt and Syria. It said Rifai was expected to visit Iraq and Saudi Arabia, in addition to other Arab countries before presenting the formula to US Secretary of State George Shultz, who is due in the region next week.

Al Itihad quoted the sources as saying Jordan's King Hussein has already received the support of certain European countries during his recent tour.

### Shaheen meets Soviet, US envoys

FOREIGN Undersecretary Sulaiman Al Shaheen met yesterday with Soviet Ambassador Ernest Zverev and US Ambassador Nathaniel Howell.

Talks during the meetings dealt with bilateral relations and developments of the situation in the region as well as international issues of mutual concern.



● A graduation ceremony for participants in the police patrol training course was held in the presence of the assistant undersecretary for police affairs at the Interior Ministry, Brigadier Mohammed Al Qabandi, at the premises of the Officers Training Institute. The two-week course was attended by 20 officers. Brig Al Qabandi distributed certificates to the graduates. Picture shows a graduate receiving his certificate.



● A graduation ceremony for the 33rd batch of police cadets was held under the patronage of the Police Academy Director, Colonel Abdullah Al Roumi. Graduation certificates and prizes were presented to the 113 graduates. Picture shows the graduates.

## Frankfurt Airport: the travellers' meeting point in Europe.



At Lufthansa we pride ourselves on more than just excellent service, modern aircraft and punctual arrivals. Frankfurt Airport offers you superb shopping and transit facilities all with that same reliability and efficiency we are famous for. Once you have flown to or through Frankfurt Airport you will know why there can be no other choice.

**Lufthansa**  
German Airlines

For further information and reservations contact your travel agent or Lufthansa Kuwait, Al Mishan Building, Al Sour Street, P.O. Box 21291 Safat 13079 Kuwait. Tel: 2422483



Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.



## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

A MAN is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.  
— John Barrymore, US actor (1882-1942).

## PLO a major force at United Nations

By Candice Hughes

UNITED NATIONS: The PLO's observer mission to the United Nations is made up of only five people, but it has wielded a lot of influence at the world body since it opened in 1975.

A dramatic speech by PLO leader Yasser Arafat to the General Assembly in 1974 led to the opening of the mission, which the United States now is planning to close.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation is mustering its support at the United Nations to fight the decision, and says it expects to win.

If it doesn't the PLO and its Arab allies say they will try to move the General Assembly to Geneva or some other city where the Palestinian group would be welcome.

"If the PLO mission is incapacitated ... then the UN assembly should have another venue," Arab League spokesman Clovis Makoud told reporters in Washington Wednesday.

Forefront  
The PLO mission is made up of three political officers and two secretaries headquartered in a four-storey Manhattan townhouse.

Zehzi Terzi, a dapper, soft-spoken diplomat who sports a grey goatee, has headed the mission since it opened. Terzi and his daughter live there.

Terzi has kept the Palestinian issue at the forefront in the United Nations.

The General Assembly, which regards the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, usually devotes a full week of its 12-week session to the issue.

Since Terzi's arrival, the assembly has set up the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the special committee to investigate Israeli practices in the occupied territories.

The latter committee regularly accuses Israel of violating the human rights of Palestinians in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and occupied Jerusalem, Terzi's birthplace.

The secretariat, the huge UN bureaucracy, has a special divi-

sion for Palestinian issues and the Department of Public Information has a special Palestinian unit.

The Security Council frequently convenes at PLO's behest to consider resolutions hostile to Israel.

The PLO is a member of the movement of nations professing non-alignment with the United States and the Soviet Union, a 100-member bloc in the 159-nation General Assembly. The PLO also belongs to the Arab League and the Islamic Conference.

As an observer, the PLO has no vote in the assembly. But it over lacks allies to sponsor resolutions, demand Security Council meetings or serve as its proxy in diplomatic battle with the United States or Israel.

The United States does not accord diplomatic immunity to Terzi and his colleagues and restricts them to a 25-mile (40 kilometre) radius of the mission. Last year, the United States closed down the only other PLO facility in the nation, an information office in Washington.

Trying to close the PLO mission has earned the United States the ire of other members of the world body.

"I believe that any attempt to expel the PLO will be opposed by the membership of the United Nations," Cypriot ambassador Constantine Mousoutas, chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, said Wednesday.

Vote  
It could also endanger Arab ill will that could hamper Washington's attempt to launch a new Middle East peace initiative, diplomats said.

When Congress passed the law calling for the closure, the assembly voted 145-1 for a resolution calling for the United States to leave the PLO alone. Israel cast the only negative vote.

The United States did not take part in the voting.

Nasser Al Kidwa, one of Terzi's two deputies, seemed optimistic that the PLO would win its battle to keep the mission open.

"The game is not over yet," he said.

## Erroneous report

SIR: This refers to an article entitled "Lee Kuan Yew proves analysts wrong" by Lucy Komisar published in Arab Times on Feb 6, 1988. This article is replete with factual errors.

Firstly, Komisar writes "six young social activists sit in prison ...". This is not true. In fact, among the group of Marxists detained in June 1987 only one is still in detention. Vincent Cheng has admitted that he was a Marxist setting up a communist network, infiltrating organisations and religious bodies, building up pressures which could lead to public disorder even "rioting, bloodshed and violence."

Secondly, Komisar said that those detained were "mostly clergymen". The truth is that none of the detainees is from the clergy.

Thirdly, Komisar writes that the Singapore government banned the "Far Eastern Economic Review" because it ran an interview with a priest who edited The Catholic News and fled the country to fear after these arrests.

The facts are quite different. In June 1987, the Prime Minister met the Catholic Archbishop and a delegation of priests and some leaders to explain the arrest of 16 Marxist con-

pirators and some church workers, and to clarify the government was not acting against the church.

The Review published an alleged account of this meeting obtained from Edgar D'Souza, a priest who was not present at the meeting.

When the government asked FEER if it had checked the story with the Archbishop or the Prime Minister to substantiate those allegations, the Review denied any need to check its facts as it was reporting D'Souza's statement.

In other words, the Review claimed the right to publish anything — true, false or defamatory — as long as it could attribute it to a source.

Because of partisan reporting, the Singapore government reluctantly concluded that the Review had interfered in Singapore's politics. The government has not banned the Review but it has reduced its circulation from 9,000 to 500 copies in order to cut down revenue derived from sales and advertising in Singapore. The citizens and residents of Singapore have not been forbidden from reading the Review or reproducing articles from it.

Finally, contrary to Komisar's allegation, candidates for elections were not ordered to

supply their tax returns for the past 12 years.

Mushahid Ali,  
Charge d'Affaires,  
Singapore Embassy,  
Riyadh.

## Unfair bus fare

SIR: I request KPTC to review the bus fares on route No. 101, which is a convenient route from Kuwait to Fahaeel, plying via Shuwaikh, Khaitan, Farwaniya, Airport, Sabhan and Ahmadi.

KPTC charges 200 fils from Kuwait to Fahaeel, Ahmadi, Sabhan and Airport. The bus fare from Kuwait to Farwaniya, Khaitan and Shuwaikh is 150 fils; and they charge 100 fils from passengers going from Fahaeel to Ahmadi.

The fare for Fahaeel is justified by the long distance. But for 200 fils fare for short distance, for example from a passenger who commutes between Farwaniya and Sabhan or between Ahmadi and Fahaeel, is not fair. This discrepancy in fares leads to misunderstanding between passengers and bus drivers.

I request the KPTC to review the fares schedule and introduce reasonable fares on short distance routes.

Prabhu Mendonca,  
Safat.

## Clean up the buses

SIR: The air-conditioned buses operated by KPTC on the "express routes" — 501, 502 and 505 — have not been cleaned for months. Each time I board the bus I try to avoid the dust and grime, but it's impossible. As the ride is invariably bumpy — drivers are forever in a hurry — I have to grip the seat rest to remain in one piece, or risk falling into the arms of a fellow-passenger.

As soon as I touch the seat my hands turn black, covered with sticky substance, much worse than printer's ink, for example from a damp copy of the Arab Times. And that is only the beginning.

The seats are grimy and covered with dust; the floor is littered with cigarette butts discarded tickets, balls of chewing gum and used tissue papers. Clean up the buses please.

John Flanagan,  
Mina Al Zoor.

## Replace boards

SIR: Many of the electronic boards put up by companies in the city are in bad shape. No doubt, they are subject to constant battering by harsh weather, particularly strong

winds. But the dilapidated boards hardly serve the purpose for which they have been installed. Concerned companies should replace these boards as decoration and beautification of the city is already underway for the National Day celebrations.

James P. Charles,  
Safat.

## Fictitious match

SIR: This refers to the report "Moonlight beat BKME" which appeared on Feb 16.

The story is baseless. BKME Cricket Club is not participating in Sabah League Tournament currently in progress at Safeway ground. The reported match was in fact between Blue Star Cricket Club and Moonlight.

Mehmood Bastaki, Rameesh Chandran and Shaikat did not play in the said match.

Even details of the match were distorted as Shahid did not score 29 runs. It is also wrongly mentioned that Shahid and Amjad shared eight wickets between them. The official score card indicates Shahid took three wickets and Amjad got one wicket only.

Due to this highly unporting act which is unethical and illegal, the organising committee has disqualified Moonlight.



Club and all its players have been banned from Sabah tournament this season and further two seasons.

Naseem Khurshid,  
Organiser,  
Sabah Cricket League.

## Baseless

SIR: We want to bring to your notice that the report "Moonlight beat BKME" is fictitious. BKME have not entered into the Sabah League Tournament, and the said report has affected the reputation of our club.

Stephen Machado,  
sports secretary,  
BKME.

ALL letters to the Editor must contain the writer's name and address. Publication is at the discretion of the Editor and letters are subject to the editing process for space or other reasons.



## Reagan legacy clouded on ethics in government

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): President Ronald Reagan says he hopes his administration will be remembered for its high moral standards. Many critics would demur.

With the US attorney general under investigation, a former senior White House aide convicted for illegal lobbying and indictments in the Iran-Contra scandal expected soon, the administration's ethics are under a cloud of suspicion as Reagan enters his last months in power.

More than 100 senior officials have been accused of unethical or illegal conduct since Reagan took office in 1981.

Several, including former Labour Secretary Raymond Donovan, who was tried on fraud charges, and ex-National Security Adviser Richard Allen, who was accused of taking illegal gifts, have been cleared of any wrongdoing. But the record still shocks many independent observers.

"We are facing a crisis in ethical standards unmatched since the days of Watergate," Susan Manes of Common Cause, a non-partisan lobby for honesty in government, told Reuters.

The New York Times declared in a recent editorial: "President Reagan presides over one of the most corrupt administrations ever. Whether measured by the rank or sheer numbers of officials who have come under ethical suspicion and criminal investigation, the amount of sleaze is awesome."

Not everyone agrees.

Honest  
Burton Yale Pines of the conservative Heritage Foundation said: "The Reagan administration has been very honest. It's very difficult to get 2,000 political appointees and to be

able to vouch for the behaviour of all of them."

He said many allegations of misconduct have not stood up under investigation. Accusations alone are not proof of guilt.

What bothers critics is that Reagan has seemed cavalier or oblivious to the string of charges. Commenting recently on his historical legacy, he told reporters: "I hope the imprint will be one of high morality."

Democrat Mark Green, who heads the liberal Democracy Project think-tank in New York, said Reagan had to be joking.

Independent counsel James McKay is investigating allegations that Attorney General Edwin Meese, the nation's top law enforcement official, knew of a plan by close friend E. Robert Wallach, now under indictment for fraud, to pay off some Israelis as part of an Iraqi oil pipeline scheme.

Investigation  
McKay has suspended an earlier investigation of Meese for his alleged role in an influence peddling scandal concerning the Wedtech Corporation. Investigators say the probe could be revived if Wallach or his associates provide evidence against Meese.

Last week Lyn Nofziger, a long-time Reagan aide, was found guilty of illegally lobbying Meese on behalf of Wedtech. He was also convicted of lobbying White House staffers on behalf of aircraft manufacturer Fairchild Industries and a union that sought more civilian jobs on Navy ships.

Nofziger, who is seeking to overturn his criminal conviction that carries a maximum six-year prison sentence, is the first person ever convicted of influence peddling under the 1978 ethics in government law. The statute was adopted as part of the reforms

stemming from the Watergate scandal.

His case represented another embarrassment for the White House, already hit by the perjury conviction last December of former deputy Chief of Staff Michael Deaver, a close friend of Reagan and his wife Nancy.

Independent counsel Lawrence Walsh is probing possible crimes in a White House plan, exposed in 1986, to divert profits from Iran arms sales to Nicaraguan Contra rebels in violation of a congressional ban on rebel aid.

Earlier Reagan administration misconduct cases included: Ex-deputy Defence Secretary Paul Thayer, who resigned in 1984 and later pleaded guilty to giving false testimony in an insider trading scheme and obstructing justice.

McClain Haddow, former top health and human services official, who pleaded guilty last autumn to illegally receiving \$55,000 from a foundation he set up while in government.

Former Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) official Rita Lavelle, who was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$10,000 for lying about EPA activities.

So many Reagan lieutenants have been convicted or have resigned under a cloud that some critics are comparing the administration with others once remembered largely for scandal — those of Ulysses Grant, Warren Harding and Richard Nixon.

Duke University presidential scholar James Barber told Reuters the Reagan administration looked especially bad because it combined financial improprieties of the sort that plagued Grant and Harding with far more serious Iran-Contra abuses that evoked Watergate.

## Cranston lost and became a senator Hitler's day in court

By Anthony O. Miller

WASHINGTON, (UPI): Nearly 50 years ago, a failed Austrian artist sued a fledgling American newspaper in a US court for publishing his book. The author was Adolf Hitler, the book was "Mein Kampf", and the newspaper was Alan Cranston.

Hitler wooed the suit, went to war and ended his own life in a bunker in Berlin. Cranston lost the suit, quit journalism, went into politics and now, almost a half century later, is a Democratic senator from California.

In the summer of 1934, the Stanford University junior visited Munich and found himself standing five feet from Hitler.

"I saw this man with a glazed look of power in his face," recalled Cranston.

By 1939, Cranston had been a foreign correspondent in Ethiopia, Italy and Germany with the International News Service and had returned to the United States, "intent upon getting into politics, if I could."

"I quit journalism," Cranston said in an interview, "because ... I was too concerned about events unfolding in the world with Hitler and Mussolini to spend my life just recording such events. I'd rather be involved in the action."

Display  
"Early in 1939, I was in Macy's book store in New York, and I saw a big display of 'Mein Kampf' for sale, the English-language version which I had never seen. I'd read the German-language version."

"Mein Kampf," German for "My Struggle," was Hitler's rambling, rage-filled blueprint for

the Nazi domination of Europe.

"As I picked it up, I knew it wasn't the real book because it was much less weighty, it was much thinner. It turned out it had been edited so that a good bit that Hitler wrote was left out," including sections showing Hitler's plans for the world.

To get out the truth, Cranston said, he conspired with "my friend, Amster Spiro, who was a Hearst (newspaper) editor" to publish "an anti-Nazi version of Mein Kampf. Unknown to them, two other publishers were doing the same thing."

"I wrote this, dictated it (from Hitler's German text) in about eight days in a loft in Manhattan," recalled Cranston. "One of these secretaries (a young Jewish woman) apparently thought, 'my God, what am I mixed up in?'"

"She was an anti-semitic person," he said, "but I was a Jew-hater, too. I was a Jew-hater, too. I was a Jew-hater, too."

"I was shocked," Epstein said, that Spiro, also Jewish, was involved in publishing Hitler.

Worked  
Then Epstein met Cranston. "Once I realised he was really on our side," he said, "I opened our files and we worked very closely together" to produce the text. They also opened their own company, Noram Publishing Co. Inc., to market it.

"We have slashed Hitler's 270,000 words to 70,000," declared their book's forward, "but nothing important is omitted." The 32-page tabloid edition, copyrighted in 1939, was a

"Reader's Digest-like version (showing) the worst of Hitler,"

said Cranston, noting it contained illustrations and notes pointing out Hitler's "propaganda and distortions."

"It sold half a million copies in 10 days," at 10 cents apiece, Cranston laughed.

Where Hitler's authorised American publisher, Houghton Mifflin Co., was "going to pay him a royalty and ... make money off the book," at \$3 apiece, Cranston's book swore, "out of a royalty to Hitler," and pledged all profits to refugees from Hitler's Reich.

By January 1939, "Mein Kampf" was a best seller in Germany and had earned the paupered dictator, once rejected by Austrian art schools, about \$3 million.

Sued  
But early that year, "the people representing Hitler" — to effect, because they had his copyright — sued us because we were obviously undercutting their market," said Cranston. Houghton Mifflin also sued another American bootlegger of "Mein Kampf" Stackpole Sons Inc.

Hitler was legally "stateless" — a man without a country — when he wrote "Mein Kampf."

Stackpole Sons told a federal judge that because Hitler was "stateless" when he wrote his book, under US copyright law it was in the public domain and he had no copyrights to defend.

The trials were among the oddest to American jurisprudence. Their arguments set precedents and provoked a spate of stories in newspapers, popular magazines and legal journals.

## Someone shielded Waldheim

By David Lewis

VIENNA, (Reuters): Kurt Waldheim's role in the fate of six British commandos who were almost certainly executed in 1944 could be a pointer to how far the beleaguered Austrian President and one-time UN chief was embroiled in war crimes.

But documents which could have shown the exact extent of Waldheim's involvement have disappeared and, strangely, some political observers ask whether Britain and the United States destroyed them.

The commandos were captured on the Greek island of Alimnia on April 7, 1944 and transferred to Arsakli, near Salonika, where Waldheim was an intelligence officer.

Shot  
After interrogation there, an international commission of historians concluded last week, they were handed over to be shot under Adolf Hitler's command order of 1942.

British historian and parliamentarian Robert Rhodes James said he believed evidence already presented made Waldheim responsible for his activities in Hitler's Balkan Army.

But did Britain and the United States deliberately remove papers documenting even deeper involvement?

Neal Ascherson, a respected commentator for the British weekly The Observer, wrote this Sunday:

"(There is) ... mounting circumstantial evidence that somebody weeded the world's archives for him after the war — in the matter of the executed British commandos, for instance."

"(Waldheim) was a cog in the

wheels, a chain in the developing actions which ended, in part, in war crimes," British commission member Gerald Fleming said.

The London Times reported on Feb 5 that in 1978 — when Waldheim was secretary-general of the United Nations — the Foreign Office shredded more than 20 files on the case of Allan Turkey, one of the six commandos in question.

Strange  
And the commission report noted that the relevant "Alimnia File" was returned to West Germany from the United States in 1960 with the annotation: "Do not film this sheet. Interrogation reports removed because of security classification."

Fleming says this was strange since the file — which could have contained information on a second interrogation of Turkey



Kurt Waldheim  
— went back neither "classified" nor "restricted."

"The question arises whether these second interrogations which are missing were destroyed by the Germans or taken out subsequently by someone else," he said.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1574 — Dutch rebels seize Zeeland.
- 1685 — La Salle, French explorer, establishes first settlement in Texas.
- 1856 — Reform edit is published in Turkish empire.
- 1884 — British forces under General Charles Gordon reach Khartoum in Sudan, but the Mahdi rejects his offer to negotiate.
- 1900 — Piet Cronje surrenders to British at Paardeberg in South African war.
- 1915 — German blockade of England goes into effect as submarine war is intensified in World War I.
- 1945 — Pacific war battle for Iwo Jima begins in World War II.
- 1964 — Earthquakes rock Azores in eastern Atlantic, and ships battle high waves to evacuate people from San Jorge island.
- 1965 — African nation of Gambia becomes independent within British Commonwealth.
- 1970 — Young Filipinos storm US Embassy compound in Manila protesting US military bases in Philippines and US economic policy.
- 1987 — Iraq announces two-week truce to its bombing campaign against Iranian cities in Gulf war.





## Table Talk

BY DINAH

DO hotel buffets bore you? Do you face those impressive displays of mezzeh thinking, "Stuff the vine leaves!" If you feel you can't look another boiled prawn in the eye (even with its thousand island dressing), it's probably time you gave your palate a holiday. Fortunately in Kuwait you don't have to travel thousands of miles to try exotic cuisine, as there are so many ethnic restaurants catering for the different nationalities working in the country. Recently the number of places serving Filipino food has increased. One of the longer established of these is the Far East Restaurant, located on the first floor of the Salhia Building—just off Fahd Al Salem Street and near the entrance to the Salhia Complex.

It's easy to forget you are in

# A trip to the Far East

Kuwait as you sit surrounded by Filipinos chattering away in Tagalog. Large pictures of scenes from the Philippines, cane and shell lampshades and bamboo-patterned curtains all add to the authenticity of the atmosphere. The Far East Restaurant is simply furnished with wooden tables and chairs and the tableware is cheap and cheerful. Up-beat music playing gently in the background creates a light-hearted mood. Don't be dismayed when you find that the menu is mainly in Tagalog, for the waiter, who has an excellent command of English, will patiently describe every dish for you, if you ask. In fact the service throughout the meal was excellent.

### Range

It would be quite possible to eat a simple, filling meal at the Far East for as little as KD3 per person, as the average price of dishes is KD1.500. However, as we wanted to try a wide range of items on the menu, we ordered a much more lavish, and consequently more expensive, meal than you might have in mind; our total bill for a two-course lunch for two coming to KD12.050, including fruit juices, water and coffee. The specialties of the house are, without a doubt, the excellent seafood and fish dishes, but the

menu also offers a range of beef, vegetable and chicken preparations in addition to a selection of soups, rice and those tasty Filipino noodle dishes. For the unadventurous there is even some American fare.

Of the dishes we ordered the Crabs in Spicy Sauce is to be highly recommended. Eight halves of crabs had been cooked in a thick, hot piquant sauce with whole peppercorns. It's certainly not the dish to eat in front of someone you're trying to impress with your social finesse, and fingerbowls are sadly lacking. The much milder Prawns in Coconut Sauce made the perfect contrast to the crab dish. Large, sweet jumbo prawns were served in a delicate sauce of coconut milk and fresh ginger with a julienne of carrots and green peppers. Chili Beef was an odd misnomer for a very subtle dish of shredded beef in a gentle oyster-flavoured sauce. The mixed fried rice was a colourless, rather ordinary dish containing peas, egg and beef strips.

### Risk

When adventuring in unfamiliar cuisine one runs the risk of ordering something that demands an acquired taste. This happened to us with the

Pinakbet na Hipon. A vegetable stew of aubergine, pumpkin okra, onion and bitter melon cooked in a fish stock and decorated with a jumbo prawn, it had an extremely sour flavour which I found unpleasant.

Filipino desserts, too, are not for the uninitiated. The Mails con Yelo consisted of a tin of sweetcorn poured with its brine into a parfait glass mixed with milk and topped with tasteless crushed ice. The result was very salty. The Saging na Saba con Yelo was a sweeter version of the same dish using dried banana pieces instead of sweetcorn. Coffee at the Far East consists of nescafe and creamer in sachets and the fresh orange juice we ordered was very diluted for 500 fls. The Far East Restaurant is well worth a visit for an informal lunch or dinner but I would recommend that you leave out the desserts and drinks for a more economical meal.

**RESTAURANT:** The Far East Restaurant  
**TYPE:** Filipino  
**MEALS:** Two course a la carte lunch.  
**PRICE:** KD12.050 (for two).  
**Star rating (out of five):**  
**FOOD:** ★★ ★★  
**SERVICE:** ★★ ★★  
**ATMOSPHERE:** ★★ ★★  
**VALUE FOR MONEY:** ★★ ★★

## WHAT'S ON

### CINEMA

#### Czech Cinema

"Introducing Czechoslovak Cinema" will be held from Feb 20 to 24. A selection of animated and feature films will be shown. They are:

Feb 20: Visit Prague (animated film); followed by feature "Last Greetings from the Planet Earth".

Feb 21: Service (animated); and The Seller of Humour.

Feb 22: The King and the Gobiho (animated); and Hurry, He's Coming.

Feb 23: Mr Pip's Trip (animated); Watch Out, the Rounds.

Feb 24: Janko: The Pea in the Shoe; Cuckoo in the Dark Forest. All films will be shown at 7.30 pm at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry auditorium. Children not allowed inside the auditorium. The festival has been organised by the Kuwait Cine Club.

### THEATRE

#### KLT

Kuwait Little Theatre (KLT), Ahmadi, will hold auditions for the summer musical at its premises at 7.30 pm on Feb 19. Backstage helpers also needed. For further details contact 3985246 after 3 pm.

**Kuwait Players**  
"Do Not Distrub," an adult comedy written by Michael Pertwee will be performed at 8 pm on Feb 22, 23, 24 and 25 at the Universal American School. For reservations ring 5613465; 5745838; 5619244. Tickets will also be available at the door.

### SOCIAL

#### Sur Sangeet Group

A variety show featuring Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu songs and ghazals will be held on Friday, 6 pm, at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel.

**Ladies Tea Party**  
The International Ladies Tea Party will hold a fancy dress competition at their next meeting on March 2 at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. A karate expert will demonstrate self-defence techniques. For participation contact 5317390; 5386297.

**Photography Contest**  
All members of Kapilku, the Filipino organisation in Kuwait, are invited to take part in a photography contest on "Portrait of Filipinos in Kuwait". All entries must be (minimum) 20 x 40 cms. Prints can be in black and white or colour. Each contestant is allowed to submit a maximum of three entries. All entries must be titled or captioned and mounted on a white illustration board. The last date for submitting entries is March 1. They can be submitted at the Philippine Embassy and all the Filipino restaurants in Kuwait. Winners will receive valuable prizes, including 20 consolation prizes; the names of winners will be announced after March 4.

**Marty's Day**  
Bangladeshis will hold a meeting and print a booklet to mark the Martyrs Day. Badesik, the Bangladeshis



A scene from The Seller of Humour (above), one of the Czech films to be shown next week. Below: A still from an animated feature film from Czechoslovakia.



Diploma Engineers Society, will hold a discussion on the "Bengali Language Day" on Friday, Feb 26, from 3 pm at the home of Shafiqullah Dewan, Abbasia. The Baodhan Natya Chakra will publish a booklet to mark the occasion.

**Kuwait Welsh Society**  
Annual St David's Day dinner at Messiah Beach Hotel on Tuesday, March 1. For tickets and further details phone 4874548; 3910875; 3912384.

**Kuwait Irish Society**  
St Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 at the Holiday Inn Hotel. If interested contact — 5621701/5622701, 8 am to 2 pm or 5624175 after 2 pm.

**Music Concert '88**  
Adeeb, Lynley (vocals), Amaar (guitar/vocals), Asim (keyboard/synthesizer), Muraza (bass guitar) and Raza (drums) will participate in the Music Concert '88, due to be held on Feb 19 at Al Andalus Cinema. They will present a variety of songs, originally sung by such groups as Durran Durran, Europe, Bonjovi and others. Tickets available at Al Andalus box office. For details contact — 5618482 or 3983165 (Adeeb).

**Kuwait Natural History Group**  
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb 25, at 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School, Salwa. An illustrated talk on Peru will be given by Ms Kathleen Scanlon.

### HOTELS

**At the Ramada Al Salam**  
El Bender Coffee Shop, open 24 hours, offers family brunch, on Friday from 12 noon to 3

cajun rice and much more. Listen to jazz blues played by the Magnific Band Quartet.

### At the SAS

Experience the exotic charm of the Orient at Tuesday's Sahrat Al Khema — Oriental Night — in The Tent. An Arabian bazaar features perfumes, jewellery, clothes, rugs and other items. Buffet dinner, live music and raffle prizes.

### SPORTS

#### Raft Race

Raft Race 1988 entry forms and rules are now available from the Messiah Beach Hotel. First captain's meeting at MBH, Al Foz Suite, on March 1, 6.30 pm. For further details contact the hotel, ext. 712/751/705.

#### Filipino Non-Pro Bowling League

This week's match is on Thursday (Feb 18), 6 pm to 8 pm; between Passy City and Paranaque; and on Friday, Feb 19, mornings, Marikina vs Paranaque and Makati vs Malabon and in the afternoon Manila vs. Moadaluyong; Navatas vs. Valenzuela; Las Pias vs. Pasig. All matches will be held at the Club 300.

#### Boys Own Club

The third seven-a-side football tournament takes place on Feb 19 at Al Soor Grounds. Draw will be held at 7 am and the first game begins at 7.30 am. All teams wishing to participate contact Joe D'Souza — Tel: 4813622/25 ext. 147.

#### Ladies Sports Club

Application forms are available from the Ras Al Ardh Sea Club for the proposed Ladies Sports club. The club is open from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 7 pm. Tel: 5740670.

#### Soccer Team

A group of young Italians are organising a European Soccer team. If you are interested please contact Carlo on Tel: 2445120/11/2/3/4.

### ARTS

#### Sultan Gallery

"Kuwait: Studies in Water-colour" is the theme of an exhibition of paintings by American artist Kathleen Stafford at the Sultan Gallery, 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm (except Friday), until Feb 29. The gallery is located near the Rolls Royce showroom, Al Soor St. Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery.

A painting exhibition is open from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, until Feb 24.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
8.15 Cartoons  
10.00 Fi Rihab Tarbiya: an educational programme presented by Jassim Al Ghareeb.  
11.00 Songs  
11.30 Islam Wal Insaaf: religious programme, hosted by Dr Abdul Suboor Al Shahin.  
12.00 Ma Da'a Wa Anham: "Min Akhbar Jaban": Arabic serial, part 5; starring Sheza Salem, Khalil Rifai, Mohammad Hussain Abdul Rahim.  
1.00 News Summary  
1.20 World News via Satellite  
2.00 Liqa Al Khamis: roundup of local events  
3.30 Ihtal Al Mu'laah: cartoons  
4.00 News Summary  
4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays the debonair detective, Simon Templar.  
5.25 Maktabat Ala Wa Hina: children's programme  
6.00 Alwan: presented by Rolah Faras  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 Show Jumping, presented by Ali Hamdi  
7.30 Ma'houm Ayesh Farha: Arabic serial. Starring: Sayeda Kawari, Basma Hama, Huda Hama, Hilal Mohammad.  
8.30 With Islam: hosted by Dr. Khalid Al Madhkur  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 From People's Art  
10.25 Mushagabat Talath: Arabic feature film starring Laila Alwi, Karam Mutawa, Iham Shahin, Ali Al Sharif. The adventurous story of three girls on the run.  
12.00 Late Night Variety Show: hosted by Amina Al Sharrarh.  
1.30 News Summary  
1.35 World News via Satellite  
2.15 Holy Quran/Closedown  
**FRIDAY**  
9.00 Holy Quran  
9.30 Children's Magazine

10.00 News Summary  
10.05 World News via Satellite  
10.20 Hikayat Min Aalam: Stories from Around the World.  
11.00 Prophet's (PBUH) Saying: religious programme  
11.15 Friday Prayer  
12.15 Mio Wahi Al Ayaat Al Bayanat: religious serial.  
1.00 News Summary  
1.20 World News via Satellite  
2.00 INTERVAL  
2.30 Preview of next week's programme on KTV  
3.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi  
4.00 Su'ud Jhoot: Hindi feature film, starring Rakesh Roshao, Ashok Kumar. A young executive takes sick leave to honeymoon with his wife at a hill resort. Complications arise when the man's boss turns up for a holiday and stays at the same hotel. Comedy.  
7.00 News Summary  
7.15 Kul Al Fumoo: hosted by Rasha Magdi  
7.55 Weekly Seminar: part two of discussion on Kuwaiti women and government housing  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Wrestling  
10.45 Songs and Music  
11.00 Qulub Eiod Al Maraf: ep. 6, Arabic play featuring Maryam Al Saleh, Huda Hussain, Ibrahim Al Harbi. A social series on the role of the family in Kuwait and Bahrain.  
11.50 News Summary  
11.55 World News via Satellite  
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

### KTV 2

3.00 Holy Quran  
3.10 Sports Studio: Big League Soccer, American basketball and sports magazine  
6.00 Centuries: cartoon serial  
6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: "Toby Toot"  
7.00 Rags to Riches:



Joseph Bologna plays Nick Foley in Rags to Riches, on KTV 2.



Roger Moore plays Simon Templar in The Saint, today on KTV 1.

Foley plans to build hotel while his girls become suret vendors.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Spenser for Hire: "An Eye For An Eye." Spenser's reputation is threatened by a defamation suit and his alleged involvement with gangsters.  
9.30 Bill Cosby Show: "Theo's Flight". Theo wants to take flying lessons; but father Huxtable is not happy about the bill.  
10.00 Paul Daniels Magic Show: British illusionist Paul Daniels returns with more magic and tricks.  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Desperate Voyage." Starring: Christopher Plummer, Cliff Potts, Christine Belford, Lara Parker, Jonathan Banks. Plummer plays a villainous modern-day pirate who waits for SOS signals and then proceeds to give the troubled seamen anything but help. Duration: 104 minutes.  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine: D'Actualite/Closedown  
**FRIDAY**  
3.00 Holy Quran  
3.10 Sports Studio: roundup of world and local sporting events. She Ra: Princess of Power: "A Loss of Words." Cartoons.  
6.30 Airwolf: "Code of Silence". After a helicopter crash, a member of the Airwolf team is accused of negligence.  
7.30 Spitting Image  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Breaking Away  
9.05 Matlock: "The Affair". A maid working with a wealthy couple is accused of killing her employer. The dead man's widow is convinced the maid is innocent.  
9.30 Weekend: local programme  
10.00 What A Country: "Citizenship Pain". Nicolai is convinced he is being followed by the KGB; Mr Brown has a plan...  
10.30 Crime Story: "Ground Zero". Lucas is acquitted by the court; and triumphantly rebuilds his underground empire  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine: D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
Al Ahlam Pharmacy  
Souk Muteheda  
Fahad Al Salem St.  
Al Baghdad Pharmacy  
Abdullah Al Salem St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Khayyam Pharmacy  
Beirut St.  
**Salmiya and Rumailhiya**  
Al Dejah Pharmacy  
Shua'a Al Sabab Bldg., Amman St.  
**Fahsheel and Ahmadi**  
Al Burgan Pharmacy  
Souk Sabab, F'heel  
**Khaitan**  
Al Tawfiq Pharmacy  
Rajaa Commercial Centre, South St.  
**Jahra**  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.  
**FRIDAY**  
**Kuwait**  
Al Watan Pharmacy  
Jawharat Al Khaleej Bldg.  
Fahad Al Salem St.  
Al Salem Pharmacy  
nr. Universal, Mubarak Al Kabir St.  
**Hawalli and Nagra**  
Noora Pharmacy  
Othman St.  
**Salmiya and Rumailhiya**  
Al Fida Pharmacy  
Abmad Jarallah Bldg., Khansa St.  
**Fahsheel and Ahmadi**  
Al Khaleej Pharmacy  
Mujamma St., F'heel  
**Farwania**  
Al Najat Pharmacy  
Main St.  
**Jahra**  
Al Zahra  
New Market

## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Zaman Hatham Zahran (Arabic)  
**Al Salmiya**  
Hanna K.  
**Al Hamra**  
Shahenshab (Hindi)  
**Drive-In**  
Al Nimr Wal Unsa (Arabic)  
**Al Firdos**  
Shahenshab (Hindi)  
**Fahsheel Open-Air**  
Uttar Dakshin (Hindi)  
**Al Fahsheel**  
Madhu Maloti (Bengali)  
**Al Jahra**  
Wa Yabqa Al Huh (Arabic)  
**Granada**  
Police Story  
**Sulaibikhat**  
Sannasullavarku Samadnam (Malayalam)  
**Al Jeeb**  
Kora Kagaz (Hindi)  
**Ahmadi Drive-In**  
Al Nimr Wal Unsa (Arabic)

**FRIDAY**  
Al Fahsheel  
Shahi Darbar (Bengali)  
Al Jahra  
Tarzan's New York Adventures  
Granada  
Watan Ke Rakhwale (Hindi)  
Sulaibikhat  
The Living Daylights  
Al Jeeb  
Tarkeeh (Hindi)

## PRAYERS

Fajr	5.04 am
Zuhr	12.02
Asr	3.15 pm
Maghreb	5.40
Isha	6.57
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Fajr	5.04 am
Friday Prayer	12.02
Asr	3.15
Maghreb	5.40
Isha	6.57

## REFRIGERATION ENGINEER

Kuwaiti British Readymix Company urgently requires an experienced and effective Refrigeration Engineer to undertake repair and maintenance of industrial water chilling plant. Some experience of electrical works would be an advantage.

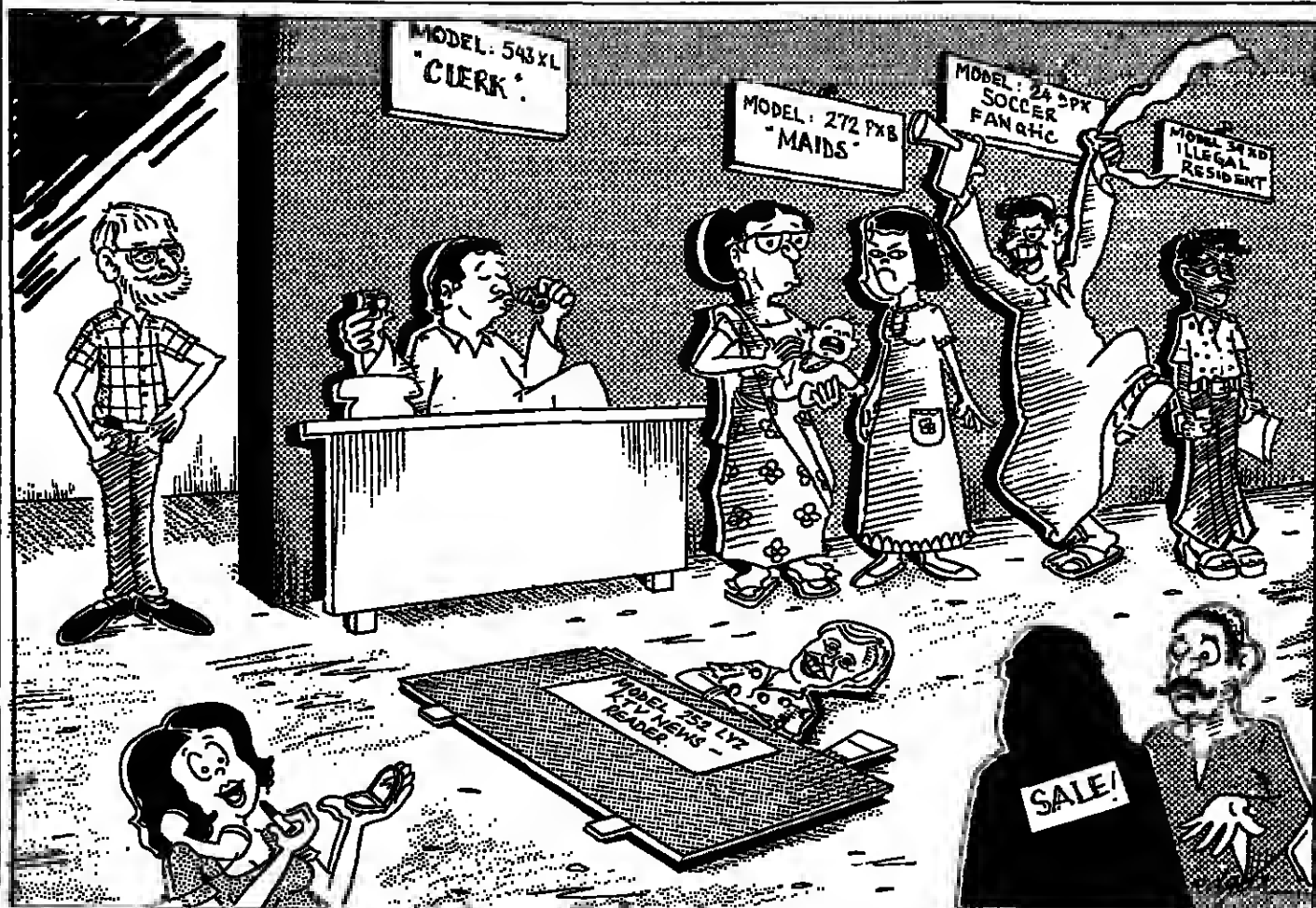
All applicants are requested to ensure that they submit a C.V. or Resume of their technical training, experience and the like.

Please contact:-  
**Kuwaiti British Readymix Company**  
P.O. Box 33273 Rawda  
Telephone 3941933/37/46

## REQUIRED

A salesman for exhibition  
Must have previous experience and transferable residence.  
Call tel. 5755960, offer 2.30 pm.





THERE was a marvellous report in last Tuesday's Guardian newspaper about the success of a new traffic campaign in Denmark. What the cunning Danes did was to put up cardboard policemen near notorious speeding areas. Motorists instinctively slowed down as soon as they saw the policemen and accidents were cut by over 30 per cent. It gave me a few ideas.

Why don't they put styrofoam police cars all along the Fifth Ring Road? It would cut accidents by a half. Come to think of it I'm pretty sure they've got cardboard clerks in most of the ministries and offices I have to visit. At least judging from the results of my efforts to get things done, the officials might as well be made of cardboard. After all, who is better to do the paperwork than a paperman?

#### Problems

Think of the advantages, ministries could stay open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, no overtime to worry about, no holidays for the staff. I'm going to introduce cardboard employees in a big way, start my own employment agency. No more trouble with maids complaining about ill-treatment. Get one of my cardboard ones and you can beat her all day long without any problems, she's guaranteed never to complain to her Embassy.

I think I'll approach KTV and see if they'd like to use some of my staff for routine jobs like newsreading. I could easily fix them up with a little

## Paper tigers

By Keith Wells

taperecorder that said 'Matters of mutual interest... bilateral relations and under the auspices...'

Of course they'd be pretty cheap, I think I'll rent them out for about five dinars a month. Then whenever the Ministry of the Interior get unhappy about illegal residents and so on I could sell them a job lot so they could deport thousands of them in one fell swoop. The airlines would be delighted since they could pack them into the holds and not even bother to

since I'll produce them right here in sunny Shuwaikh, genuine Kuwaitis every one of them. When they wear out, you simply throw them away and get some more. Next time the police ask to see my papers, I've already started, in a small way, and if you look closely you will see some of my employees working as models in local shop windows. But this is only the beginning. Once they've got a bit of experience and on-the-job training I'm

could use one as their spokesman for Palestinian Rights.

I'm looking for really big orders. I think my best bet for mass subscriptions will be from the local football stadiums which are always embarrassingly empty whenever they show those stunningly exciting matches between Abasiya and Hawalli or whoever. With twenty thousand of my men on their feet and cheering like mad, the whole event will be transformed.

Of course, a lot of them will be applying for jobs as barbers, and with a cardboard guard on duty your building will always be safe. Indeed, they will be able to do minor repairs and handle complaints much more efficiently than at present. In fact, they are perfect for positions of authority dealing with complaints from the public, they will listen to you patiently and with real understanding and then take exactly the same course of action as the present incumbents who are earning a hundred times the salary.

If you are interested in employing one of my superbly trained, and totally obedient, workers please get in touch. My telephoneist will be happy to take your order and my large staff of clerks will get it filled in record time. Please state sex, age and nationality and any special attributes you may require, such as uniforms, dishdashas, abayas or equipment like cups of tea and newspapers which can be built in to give that really lifelike quality.

One final brilliant idea, I could multiply my readership a hundredfold!

I think I'll approach KTV too and see if they'd like to use some of my staff for routine jobs like newsreading. I could easily fix them up with a taperecorder that said matters of mutual interest... bilateral relations and under the auspices...

serve them with cardboard...

Yes, the idea really has possibilities. How about telephonists? All over the country companies are spending millions of dinars employing telephonists who never bother to answer their phones. I'll replace them all at a fraction of the price with Mr Keith's Genuine Cardboard Telephone Operators and get the same results for a fraction of the price.

You won't have anymore visa problems for your staff

sure they'll be able to apply for more demanding positions. I think I'll send a few to university to get a bit of education. I've consulted a few teachers about this and they all agree that my workers should have no problem keeping up with the other students.

They'll have to specialise of course. I think I'll appoint quite a lot of them as spokesmen for various institutions, they should be able to do a much better job than the present holders. For example, the Israelis

say George thinks quiche is soul food.

"Mommy, Mommy, George said I hurt Gerry Ford in his election in '76 because I was the bad guy."

"Don't let it bother you, son. George just said that because you have a faster tongue than he does. You go back out there and tell him he is not only a wimp and a twit, but a toady as well."

"Mommy, George now wants me to apologise for calling him a toady."

"Don't do it. Once you apologise you'll wind up taking the high road. You can't afford to let Bush have the low road all to himself."

"I hate George Bush — I hate him."

"Of course you hate him, but that doesn't mean you can ignore his attacks."

"What can I call him now?"

"How about saying he's the 'father of his country'?"

"That's not mean."

"If you say it, Bobby, everyone will think it is." 1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

### The Art Buchwald Column

## Sticks and stones

"I will, Mommy. I'm going to say George Bush would have traded the Sixth Fleet to Iran for an autographed picture of the Ayatollah Khomeini."

"That's good, Bobby. Play hardball so no one can impugn your integrity."

"OK... Mommy, Mommy, I called George another Spiro Agnew and he said I was part of the problem."

"Why would he say that?"

"Because I also told him all he ever did for Reagan was grovel in the mud in the Rose Garden."

"You had every right to say it. It's an open secret."

"I know what I'm going to do, Mommy. When George walks by the house I'm going to accuse him of negative campaigning."

"That's nice. Have a

cookie."

"Mommy, Mommy, I told George he was engaging in negative campaigning, and he said he only started doing it after I called him a wimp."

"He hates being called a wimp. All wimps do."

"Can I say George doesn't know anything because he's not a leader and all he has done for seven years is sit on the bench waiting for his number to be called?"

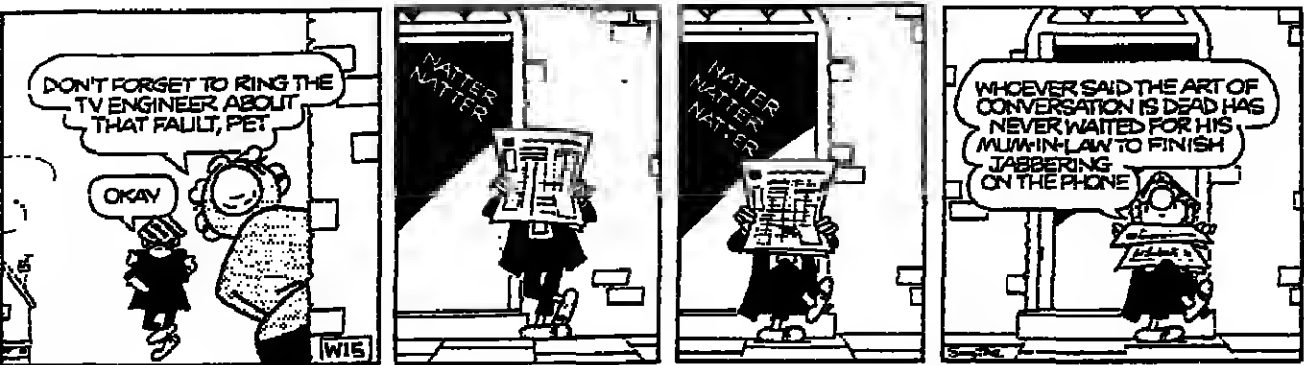
"Of course you can say it, Bobby. You can also call him a twit if you want to."

"I'm going to say George doesn't understand the small-town ways of New Hampshire because he's an urban dweller and only knows people who go to French restaurants to eat quiche."

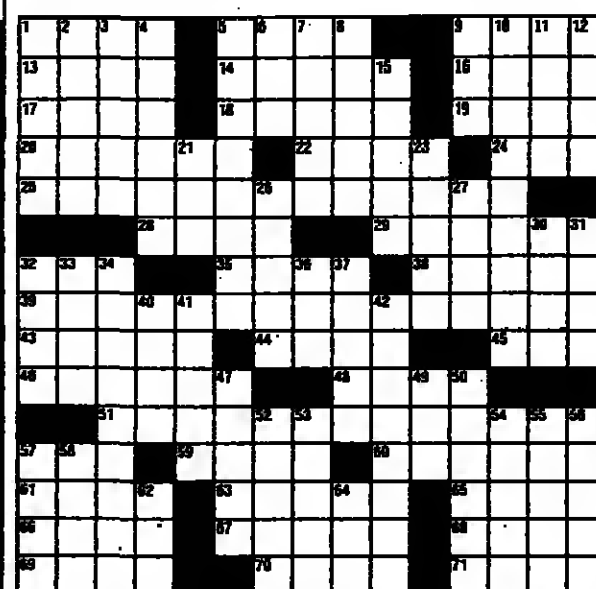
"Heh, beh, you can also

#### ANDY CAPP

By Smith



### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Deeds
  - Nit bright
  - Confidence game
  - Venetian blind
  - Suffered
  - Sit for a portrait
  - Lizard; Comb. form
  - Clamor
  - Feed the kitty
  - Caught sight of
  - Tuft
  - Command to Fido
  - 1981 Hayley Mills film
  - Type of poker
  - Hard, glassy mineral
  - Boxing great
  - Trees of the pine family
  - "Evita" role
  - 1933 Laurel & Hardy film
  - Copying machine necessity
  - Expect
  - Plains, Ill.
  - Peaks
  - a Song Go Out of My Heart
  - 1970 Mitchell/Miles film
  - Well-known uncle
- DOWN**
- Active person
  - Bridge bid
  - up (appear unexpectedly)
  - Suppose
  - Units
  - In addition
  - Road worker
  - US theater org.
  - Observe
  - Journey stages
  - Observed
  - Something of value
  - Disagree sharply
  - Dark, brownish gray
  - Peels
  - Scalp problem
  - "Flying Down to Earth", 1933 film
  - Straighten
  - Attack
  - Baden-Baden, e.g.
  - Plotted
  - Winegrowing commune
  - Come together
  - Fender mishaps
  - Consume
  - Nonsense!
  - One of the Sitwells
  - Pub offerings
  - Essence
  - Formerly residents
  - Pompeii, ancient name of 11 Down
  - Part of Chicago, with "The"
  - Located farthest within
  - Greek letter
  - Dark reddish-brown
  - Erotic
  - Mountain nymph
  - Decalvars
  - Nifty one
  - Conceit
  - Cypress family shrubs
  - Calyx part
  - Hit from the tee
  - Steak cut
  - Type size
  - 19th can.
  - French historian
  - Ernest —
  - Glance at quickly
  - Woody's boy
  - "The Gold Bug" author
  - Opposite of pos.

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ AQJ63 ♥ KQ5 ♦ AQ ♣ KJ5  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
2 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

What action do you take?  
A.—Thus far, you have told partner that you have a balanced hand of 22-24 points (nr 21-22, depending on system) and at least four spades. Partner has said that, in that case, he expects your side to be able to make 10 tricks at a spade contract. Your fifth spade does not change that. Pass.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ AQJ54 ♥ A6 ♦ AQ ♣ AQS  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

What action do you take?  
A.—Partner's jump to game over your demand bid has a very specific meaning. He is telling you that he has good trumps but no first or second-round control in any side suit. At best, therefore, slam may depend on two of three finesses; at worst, you will have no play. Pass.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ AQ ♥ KJ5 ♦ KJ ♣ K107642  
What is your opening bid?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:  
ASWAN SNOW SOAR  
SHADE PERI HALLO  
HADES URAL ASIA  
WINTEROLYMPICS  
OWN RESET  
FIGURESKATER  
ACIES NEEOW JSB  
ZONE AROISE KEPI  
ENE FLOW OQJIN  
ALPINESKIING  
SCARE CUE  
CALGARYALBERTIA  
ONLY AURA POUND  
TOOL MMIL UINTA  
TETE SAAR PLAUD

A.—Basically, you have a balanced 17-point hand with tenaces. Except for your six-card club suit, you would have a perfect one no trump opener. So pretend one of your clubs is a spade, and make that most descriptive bid.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ AK6 ♥ KJ872 ♦ KJ643 ♣ —  
Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?  
A.—You have a very good hand, but you have no idea, as yet, where the hand is going to be played. Therefore, this is not the hand for a jump shift, which should be made only when you have a self-sustaining suit or support for partner's suit. Respond one heart.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ K105 ♥ AKJ983 ♦ — ♣ K873  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?  
A.—This is a very close decision. The trouble with a jump to three hearts is that partner might pass on many hands where four spades is the right contract; or, you might miss a club slam when partner simply raises to four hearts. All in all, we would take our chances with a simple two-club rebid, to see how partner reacts.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ KQ105 ♥ 95 ♦ AQJ3 ♣ AJE  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 NT 2 ♥ Pass Pass

What action do you take?  
A.—With such a solid no trump, you don't want to sell out to two hearts even though partner couldn't act voluntarily. Double. Sitting under the bid, that's for takeout. Whatever partner does will probably be right.

### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



### B.C.

By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You are on the right track and should not allow yourself to be dissuaded. You will enjoy reading a good book. Do not let anything get into an argument. Be alert.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You have good reason to be pleased with yourself. However you should not try to rest on your laurels. Do not let anything that might give rise to confusion. Be considerate.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**  
You will be able to deal with a problem that has been defying you for some time. You should avoid allowing yourself to get caught up in negative reflections. Do not place too much reliance on intuition and none on guesswork. Be moderate.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)**  
You will be able to get a lot more done, but you should avoid rushing as much as you should avoid slackening. You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity. Be less emotional.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
Make sure you live up to expectations. Do not however ask for more than you deserve or ask too much of yourself either. Make sure you eat a balanced diet and avoid excessive drinking or smoking. Be generous.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**  
Today you have the wind in your sails. The only thing is you must ensure you are heading in the right direction. Do not allow work to intrude upon your personal life. Be more positive.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
You will feel better than of late and you will be better able to get things done. You will have to deal with a person who is being a nuisance. You should avoid getting into a violent argument. Be a little more observant.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
The situation is more favourable and you will be able to deal with a problem that has been dogging you. You should do all you can to maintain harmony between yourself and your partner. Certain limits of propriety should not be exceeded. Be tolerant.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You will be in high spirits, indeed you will have to restrain yourself somewhat. You will be able to make a good progress with an important project. Look where you are going. Be resilient.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**  
The less favourable influence of the Moon will tend to give rise to confusions. You should keep your objectives very much in mind. You should guard against doing anything that might give offence. Be a little more patient.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
Avoid being personal where you should be objective. You will be easily irritated and once aware of this trend will be able to take corrective action. All kind of extremes and exaggerations are to be avoided. Be considerate.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**  
The Moon's better influence will help you to meet your commitments. You will have to keep calm in the face of some provocation. Have a little more faith in yourself and confidence in others. Be cordial.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Turkey and Iran agree to boost trade relations

ANKARA, Turkey, Feb. 17. (AP): Foreign ministers Mesut Yilmaz of Turkey and Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran yesterday discussed ways to improve bilateral trade relations, a Turkish official said.

The volume of trade between the two countries has declined steadily over the past two years from \$2.9 billion in 1985 to \$1.4 billion last year.

The government official, who requested anonymity, said Velayati asked Turkey to fulfil its pledge to import \$80 million worth of products other than oil. Last year, Turkey imported only \$8 million worth of products other than oil.

Velayati also expressed interest in building a joint oil pipeline but there were still some financial problems to be worked out, the official added. He said the issue would be discussed again during Premier Turgut Ozal's visit to Tehran on Feb. 28.

The proposed pipeline would carry crude from the Ahwaz oil fields in southwestern Iran to a Turkish terminal at Doryol at the eastern tip of Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

Ozal's visit will follow a joint economic commission meeting between the two countries that is scheduled to begin in Tehran on Feb. 24.

Velayati expressed his country's satisfaction with Turkey's neutral policy in the Gulf war, the official said.

## Oman cuts oil output

MUSCAT, Feb. 17. (Reuters): Oman has started a five per cent cut in oil production to help stabilise the world market, government sources said today.

Petroleum and Minerals Minister Said Bin Ahmed Al Shannari announced earlier this month Oman would reduce its oil output to 536,750 barrels per day (bpd) from 565,000 barrels.

## Greenspan voices support for World Bank

# Stability emerges in US economy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (AP): Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan said today that financial conditions that influence interest rates "seem to be in relative balance" in the United States.

Greenspan's comments, made in a speech to the Bretton Woods committee, appeared to suggest that no major action by the Federal Reserve — the US central bank — on US interest rates is imminent.

**Prospects**  
There has been speculation in recent days that the nation's central bank might be on the verge of easing credit through a lowering of its discount rate, the rate it charges banks and other financial institutions for direct loans.

Asked about interest rates, Greenspan said that "evidence of the most recent past" was in the direction of "emerging stability" in the economy of the United States and other industrial nations.

"The relationships at the moment among all the major financial variables seem to be in relative balance," Greenspan said.

However, he said that prospects for buoyant economic growth throughout the industrial world this year "are patently not great."

On another subject, Greenspan cited recent improvements in trade balances among the world's key trading partners, and he criticized treatment of the trade issue during the US presidential primaries — to apparent criticism of campaign statements by Democratic contender representative Richard Gephardt.

The Bretton Woods committee is a private organization formed to rally support in Congress for the World Bank and other international institutions.

Greenspan also voiced support for a proposal for a \$75-million increase in World Bank

funds sought by bank president Barber Conable, claiming it was needed to help developing nations pursue sound economic policies.

### Work

Conable stressed the need to expand the bank's efforts in support of basic poverty alleviation programmes and efforts to secure the natural resources base in developing countries.

In a speech to the Bretton Woods committee Conable said that the bank's board is considering capital increase proposals, which would include a possible \$75 billion boost to bring capital base of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) — as the World Bank is formally known to \$171 billion.

Commenting on the reasons for a capital increase, he said the bank will strengthen programmes that attack absolute poverty, increase efforts to ensure that

adjustment enhances, rather than retards, prospects for the poor.

Conable added the bank will boost its work in the field of development and the environment, boost its support for economic policy reform and adjustment, continue significant lending in support of basic infrastructure development.

He noted that the bank will make an important contribution in assisting highly indebted nations to regain credit worthiness.

### Crisis

The World Bank president announced that the bank would seek to strengthen its work in the area of stimulating private sector contributions to development and that a high level panel of experts has just been formed to develop recommendations on this front.

On the debt crisis Conable stressed the need for determined,

constructive, efforts aimed at securing solutions between the governments of the industrial and the developing countries, the commercial creditors and the multilateral institutions.

He underlined the vital requirement of determined adjustment programmes for the restoration of credit worthiness and noted that the debtor nations will need to have the keys to reform and to capital in seeking the way out of their difficulties.

Conable said that he will seek to facilitate the debt workout process between creditors and debtors. At the same time he noted that new money will still be needed for the highly indebted nations and in addition to its own direct lending, the bank "has to use our ingenuity, particularly in developing effective instrument of credit enhancement such as co-financing scheme and effective use of guarantees to attract this new money."

## World Business Summary

### UAE oil exports totalled \$4b in first half of 1987

ABU DHABI, Feb. 17. (Opec): The UAE oil exports during the first half of 1987 reached \$4.08 billion against 3.26 billion over the same period a year earlier. According to a Central Bank bulletin here, gas exports increased in value to \$0.68 billion against 0.59 billion over the same period, recording a 13.6 per cent increase. The report said the country's non-oil exports rose by 44.7 per cent in value during the period, while re-exports went up to \$1.49 billion from 1.03 billion a year earlier. Imports rose 6.6 per cent reaching \$3.54 billion from 3.32 billion, the bank said, adding that indicators pointed to an improvement in the overall performance of the country's economy.

The country recorded a trade surplus of \$2.72 billion over the same period, the report noted.

Meanwhile, Oil Minister Mansour bin Oteiba said today that "I am convinced that \$18 is a reasonable level of pricing for consumers and producers," he told a meeting of Japanese oil industry officials.

"We are allowing our production to drop below the allocated quota for us. Whoever feels our oil is too expensive for him, can find cheaper oil elsewhere," he said.

The market price of oil today was about \$16 per barrel. Oteiba said he was determined to squash rumours the UAE would offer its customers a discount to the price agreed by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

### Indonesia to boost oil refining capacity

JAKARTA, Feb. 17. (Reuters): Indonesia's state-owned Pertamina Oil Company announced today plans to build a \$700 million oil refinery to supply oil products to Asia. Company president director Abdul Rachman Ramly told parliament the refinery would be a British-designed plant, with a capacity of 100,000 barrels of refined products a day. Ramly said the plant would be built in East Java and produce products mainly for export. Industry sources said negotiations were taking place with British Petroleum, and financing would be from the British and Japanese sources.

Industry sources said the refinery would swell the glut in world refining capacity and could hurt South-East Asia's refining centre of Singapore. "It's being built with an eye to when oil prices recover, possibly in a few years," said one oil industry executive. So far Indonesia's refining capacity has been mainly used to supply the domestic market. The new plant is part of a trend by members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to expand export revenues by moving further into the refining end of the business. The sources said British Petroleum was discussing formation of a consortium with Japan's Mitsui and Mitsubishi companies.

Pertamina's processing director Jopie Oekon told reporters that Pertamina had completed a feasibility study and construction work would start soon. He did not elaborate.

The project would be financed by export credits and other kinds of soft loans from Britain and Japan, as well as commercial credits. The foreign contractors would recover costs by selling shares of the oil, with Japan as the likeliest market, industry sources said. Indonesia's present total refining capacity is 905,000 barrels a day, with an estimated actual throughput of 675,000 barrels a day.

## Domestic sales boost Toyota earnings

TOKYO, Feb. 17. (AP): Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's largest automaker, reported today that strong domestic sales boosted its consolidated net earnings in the second half of 1987 by 4.5 per cent from a year earlier to 79 billion yen (\$608 million).

Total sales of vehicles rose by 5.2 per cent to 2.3 trillion yen (\$17 billion) between July and December last year from a year earlier, said a Toyota official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

**Sales**  
Exports accounted for 42.5 per cent of the company's car sales, down 4.2 percentage points from the previous year, to 985 billion yen (\$7.6 billion), he said. Exports to the United States fell by 11 per cent to 456,507 cars, while those of Europe dropped 5.3 per cent to 186,000 cars, he said.

### Japanese market

Many companies have raised export prices, moved production overseas, encouraged the early retirement of senior employees, reduced order prices to smaller contractors and limited overtime work.

Japan's direct overseas investment is expected to exceed \$30 billion in this financial year against a record \$22 billion the previous year, according to a survey by a semi-official trade organisation.

One electronics parts manufacturer in Hokkaido, northern Japan, for example, now sells only 35 per cent of its output overseas compared with 78 per cent in late 1985.

The company, Hnkuto Electronics, used to mainly produce cathode ray tubes, but it now makes electronics parts for popular Japanese-language word processors, an official said.

## Economy poised for growth

# Japanese firms could survive another yen rise

TOKYO, Feb. 17. (Reuters): Japanese companies should be able to survive another rise in the value of the yen thanks to the thorough re-structuring they have undergone to handle the currency's rise in the past two years, economists say.

The success with which Japan's economy has adapted to the soaring yen in the past two years has demonstrated its strength and apparently endless adaptability.

And economists here say that while the dollar-yen looks like stabilising around 130 yen for a while, the dollar is poised to continue its gradual fall over the long-term due to persistently huge US trade deficits.

Even if the yen does rise further, making Japan's exports increasingly expensive on world markets, Japanese firms should be able to survive because of the thorough re-structuring they

have undergone in the past couple of years, they said.

"I believe that Japan can survive another rise of the yen if its pace is gradual," said Kenji Mizutani, chief economist at Tokai Bank.

Kiekiichi Honda, chief economist at the Bank of Tokyo, agreed. "Japanese business can be stamped upon, but it will always survive," he said.

Despite their long-term bearishness toward the dollar, economists believe its fall will not be rapid because the central banks of major nations have indicated their willingness to aggressively intervene in the markets.

### Rise

The yen's more than 80 per cent rise against the US dollar since 1985 is generally believed by economists to have been the hardest blow to the Japanese economy since the oil shocks of the 1970s.

It did hurt the economy, cutting into the sales and profits of Japanese exporters and slowing economic growth to a virtual halt in the April-June quarter of 1987. Unemployment rose to a record 3.2 per cent in May, 1987.

But the economy began to recover in mid-1987, to the point where the Japan economy is forecast to grow 3.8 per cent in the next financial year beginning April 1 after an estimated 3.7 per cent growth this year, respectable figures by international standards.

"The miraculous economic performance in the past two years demonstrated the soundness of the Japanese management system," said Tokai Bank's Mizutani.

Economists attribute the success to corporate efforts to cut production costs and shift away from export-dependence to a greater emphasis on selling to the

# The latest from Olivetti "88"

olivetti

Technical specifications

ELECTRONIC TYPEWRITER WITH DISPLAY

## ETV 260 INTEGRATED SECRETARIAL WORKSTATION

The ETV 260 is a word processing system consisting of a video display and a fully integrated processor unit that combines three operating modes in one system:

- WP mode, offering the flexibility of a Word Processor
- TP mode, as easy to use as a standard typewriter
- PC mode, offering all the logic and power of a personal computer.

### PC environment

Main features:  
— operating system: MS-DOS (Release 3.0 for 386/286 in disk)  
— The PC mode can be operated with Olivetti application programs and other compatible programs currently available.

### Main features

- 19" display with a capacity of 2000 characters
- fully integrated processor unit, compiling
- printer with 30 cps daisy wheel
- slim, adjustable keyboard that can be detached
- drive for 5 1/4" micro floppy disks
- combination of hard disk drive and micro floppy disk drive
- 5 1/4" micro floppy disk drive, each with a capacity for 720KB and a hard disk with 50MB capacity
- daisy wheel printer element with automatic pitch recognition
- fully automatic, completely silent paper handling

Arabic/English Electronic Typewriters 17 & 21.  
English or French with expanding memory up to 64K

# ET116



**AL-MASSEEL SYSTEMS For Office Automation**

Tel 2466662/4 — 2462301 — 2454151, P.O. Box 23496 Safat 13095 — Tlx 44710 Prince KT, Al-Meedan Comm. Center, Ahmad Al Jabbar Street, Fax 2466661  
Workshop Tel. 4711419 — 4711413



	GALVESTON	1/5	1/4	MOTORDIA	45/1	46/7	SEALED AIR	39/4	39/6
	GATX CORP	43/4	42/6	HRSW-MCLEA	49/5	49/6	SEARS ROE	36/0	36/2
	GCA CP	2/2	2/2	MURPHY DTL	28/7	28/5	SERV CORP	25/0	25/1
	GEARHART	1/0	1/0	NAT INTERG	17/5	17/4	SF 5TH PAC	21/7	45/5
	GENCO	7/6	7/6	MRI CORP	4/0	4/0	STANLEY	34/0	34/0

6A	GEN DATA	3/5	3/4	MCR CORP	61/7	61/3	SHELL PAK	55/7	55/7
6B	GENL DYNAM	53/2	52/6	NEW ENG EL	24/0	23/7	SHERI KROU	55/7	55/7
6C	GENL ELECT	43/7	43/6	NEW PLA RE	14/2	14/2	SHERWILL	29/0	29/2
6D	GEN HEST	8/7	8/7	NEWELL CO	37/1	37/1	SINGER CO	49/0	49/0
6E	GEN HOUSUR	8/5	8/4	NEWMONT MI	33/3	33/4	SMITH INT	6/6	6/6
6F	GEN INSTR	29/4	29/2	NEWMONT CLO	34/6	34/6	SMITH BEC	57/6	57/6
6G	GEN MILLS	50/7	50/7	NICOR INC	26/2	26/1	SONY CP	37/0	37/0
6H	GENL MOTOR	69/2	68/3	NID INDOS	6/2	6/1	SOURCE CAP	36/2	36/2
6I	GEN SIGNAL	44/7	44/7	NOBLE AFF	13/3	13/2	SOUTHERN	23/3	23/4
6J	GENCORP	19/1	19/1	NOBLE AFF	13/3	13/2	SPEERY CP	14/3	14/2
6K	GERHAD INC	7/3	7/1	HORD RESOU	7/4	7/3	SQUARE D	53/1	53/4
6L	GEO INTL	4/3	4/2	NORTHROP	29/3	29/3	SQUIBB	65/7	65/3
6M	GEORGI-PAC	37/0	36/6	HORTON	43/4	43/4	STALEY AE		
6N	GERBR SIE	17/2	17/1	HOVO IND	27/2	27/1	STIERL DRUG	89/1	89/0
6O	GIETT	39/0	39/3	HUCOR CORP	39/0	38/6	SUN CO INC	55/5	55/4
6P	GLOBAL MAR	1/5	1/6	IKC INDOS	1/0	1/0	SUNDSTRAND	45/6	45/3
6Q	GOLDEN NUG	9/6	9/6	OCCIDENTAL	26/7	26/7	SUNSHINE H	3/7	3/7
6R	GOODRICH	43/2	43/4	OCEAN DRIL	19/4	19/2	SUPER VAL	18/7	19/3
6S	GOODYEAR	59/7	59/5	ODGEN CORP	29/5	29/5	SUPER VAL	15/5	15/3
6T	GOLD JWC	10/5	10/5	OH ED CO	19/6	19/7	SW AIRLINE	22/2	22/2
6U	GRACE WR	26/7	26/7	ODHD MATT	17/5	15/6	SW BELL	38/1	38/0
6V	GRANGER	57/5	57/3	OLIN CORP	45/7	47/4	TADY CORP	39/0	38/7
6W	GRIEYHOUND	29/4	29/3	OMNICARE	6/5	6/6	TAEDY CORP	24/1	23/7
6X	GROELER	13/4	13/3	ORION PICT	17/6	17/6	TECH ENERG	26/0	26/1
6Y	GRUMMAN	18/7	19/1	PATNE WEB	16/7	16/6	TELEDYNE	329/6	329/6
6Z	GULF RES-C	13/4	13/3	PAN AM W A	2/6	2/7	TELEX CORP	49/2	49/0
7A	GULF-WESTN	74/0	73/5	PANHANDLE	25/1	25/7	TERADYNE	0	13/0
7B	HALLIBURTO	30/2	30/2	PARK ELECT	3/4	3/4	TESORO PET	10/0	10/1
7C	HALLMO	15/0	15/0	PARKER DRI	3/4	3/4	TEX AMER B	4/0	4/0
7D	HANNA MIN	20/7	20/6	PARKER HAN	36/0	35/3	TEX EAS TR	25/5	25/5
7E	HARRIS CP	29/0	29/3	PATRICK PET	4/4	4/3	TEXACO INC	39/4	39/2
7F	HARTWARK	24/2	24/2	PAYLSS CSH	13/1	13/3	TEXAS IND	32/0	31/4
7G	HECLA NBR	12/6	12/3	PULLMAN CO	4/2	0	TEXAS INST	23/0	23/2
7H	HELENN BR	39/4	39/3	PC IND-96	52/7	42/7	TEXTRON	49/0	48/6
7I	HEINZ INC	29/7	29/6	PEHN CENTR	66/6	45/4	THEVATER	10/6	10/7
7J	HEL CURTIS	22/6	22/4	PEWEE JC	64/6	64/6	TIGER INTL	6/7	6/7
7K	HELA-PAYNE	48/1	48/4	PEOPLES EN	18/3	18/2	TIME INCOR	89/4	89/6
7L	HERCULES	0	3/7	PEPSICO	35/4	35/2	TIMKEN	63/0	63/2
7M	HEUL-PACK	58/4	58/5	PERKIN-ELM	27/0	26/6	TORCHMARK	28/0	27/7
7N	HEXCEL CP	40/6	40/4	PFIZER	52/4	52/3	TOSCO CORP	2/1	2/1
7O	HILLENBURD	26/4	26/2	PHILIPS DOD	61/4	40/2	TOYS R US	32/4	32/2
7P	HILTH HTLS	79/0	79/0	PHILIP MOR	89/6	90/5	TRANSAMER	33/7	34/0
7Q	HITACHI	95/4	97/0	PHILIPS PE	14/3	14/4	TRANSCO EN	27/4	27/2
7R	HOMECASTE	15/2	15/3	PILLBURY	35/0	34/2	TRANSCD EN	24/1	24/2
7S	HNDY-HARNN	14/7	14/6	PIMACINE W	28/1	28/1	TRANSCO EX	7/2	7/2
7T	HOLIDAY C	25/4	25/2	PINT-BOMES	4	4	TRAVELLERS	38/0	37/7
7U	HOME OEPOT	21/3	21/3	PITTSO	10/5	10/5	TRINITY INT	26/2	26/3
7V	HOME FED S	25/5	25/6	PMC FINANC	41/5	41/5	TV CORP	16/7	16/7
7W	HONDA MOTR	107/4	109/0	POLAROID	27/6	27/7	TUA	22/5	22/2
7X	HONEYWELL	65/0	65/0	PRIME CORP	18/0	17/7	U PACIFIC	58/0	58/1
7Y	HOUGHTN MI	32/1	31/7	PRIME INNS	36/2	36/2	UTD BRAND	45/6	45/4
7Z	HOUSTON MI	32/5	32/5	PRIMERICA	27/6	28/2	UTD TECH	37/5	37/4
8A	HUGHES SUP	26/5	26/3	PROCTER GM	84/4	84/6	UNILEVER	59/1	59/1
8B	HUMANA INC	20/3	20/3	PUEBLO INT	24/7	24/7	UNION CAMP	34/4	34/4
8C	HUTTON EF	30/0	30/0	PUGET SP-L	19/7	19/7	UNION CARB	23/0	23/0
8D	IBM	113/5	113/4	PULTE HOME	8/6	8/6	US SHOE	16/7	16/6
8E	IC INDUST	34/2	34/2	QUAKER OAT	44/2	44/0	USX CORP	31/2	31/0
8F	ICN PHARMA	6/6	6/6	QUAKER COR	18/7	18/7	US WEST	54/4	54/1
8G	ILL PUR CO	23/5	23/5	QUANTUM CH	75/6	75/4	USAIR GRP	36/2	36/1
8H	INCO LTD	21/6	21/5	RALS PURIN	71/4	71/2	VALERO EN	4/5	4/4
8I	INGRSSL-RAL	37/5	37/4	RAMADA INN	6/2	6/3	VALLEY IND	2/2	2/3
8J	INTL MINER	46/0	46/0	RANGER OIL	5/1	5/1	VARCO INTL	4/5	4/5

70	K MART CP	33/3	33/4	RAYMARK	7/6	7/5	W UNION	3/1	3/1
71	KAISER ALM	10/6	10/5	RAYNEON	69/0	69/2	W PNT PEPP	30/0	30/1

0	KELOS	56/2	52/4	REGAL INTL	12	11	WATNOC OIL	5/7	8/6
0	KELSON-DEE	36/2	36/2	REYNOLD ME	43/2	43/1	WAL HART	27/7	27/5
0	KEYSTONE	16/1	16/1	RJH MARISC	49/1	48/7	WALSH	31/7	31/7
0	KIMB-CLARK	53/0	52/6	ROCHEL G-E	66/7	17/0	WARNER COM	31/0	30/6
0	KIMB-CLARK	53/0	52/6	ROCHEL G-E	66/7	17/0	WARNER LAM	77/4	77/3
0	KLM R D AI	17/1	17/1	ROCKWELL	18/3	18/2	WASTE MAN	34/6	35/0
0	KRAFT INC	56/3	54/0	ROHR INDS	22/2	22/0	WASH GAS L	23/6	23/5
0	KROGER CP	28/2	28/3	ROLLINS EN	21/3	21/4	WENDY INTL	6/6	6/2
0	KLEAR PETRO	48/3	48/3	ROLLINS INT	15/5	15/6	WEST CO	17/2	17/3
0	LENNAN	12/2	12/2	ROPER CORP	51/1	18/7	WESTINGHOUSE	51/0	50/2
0	LENNAN	18/2	18/2	ROPER GRP	51/0	51/0	WILLIAMS C	24/0	23/7
0	LENNAN ELI	17/3	17/3	ROMAN CORP	7/0	6/7	WILLIAMS C	4/4	4/5
0	LENNAN ELI	43/6	43/5	ROTH DUTCH	112/4	112/4	WINNBERG	4/3	4/2
0	LITTON IND	73/6	73/4	ROYAL SYST	78/6	75/9	WINN-DIXIE	42/6	42/6

7	LOCTITE CP	29/6	29/5	S DIEG G-E	32/4	32/4	WORLD CORP	7/1	7/0
6	LOEWS CORP	69/4	69/6	SABINE	15/2	15/2	WRIGHTY	72/6	72/4

7	LOW-METTLE	17/6	17/6	SALOMON	20/3	20/5	WYLE LABS	9/4	9/5
6	LONE STAR	28/3	28/1	SARA LEE	40/1	39/7	XEROX CP	57/4	57/0
5	LONES	19/3	19/2	SCHLUMBERG	34/7	34/7	XTRA INC	30/4	30/0
4	MGMT ASS	3/1	3/1	SCOTT PPR	71/2	70/5	ZAPATA	3/1	3/1
3	M MARIETTA	46/5	46/7	SCOTTS	14/0	14/0	ZAYRE CORP	19/0	19/1
2	MA COM INC	10/0	10/1	SE BANK CO	23/2	23/3	ZENITH EL	16/0	15/7
1	MCDILLAW	62/2	62/4	SEAGRAN CO	55/4	55/3	ZERO	15/4	15/4
0	MARRIATH	18/0	18/1						
9	MANOK CABE	12/5	12/5						
8	MANU HANOV	22/6	22/6						
7	MARRIOTT	29/3	29/4						
6	MASCO CORP	26/5	26/2						
5	MATSU ELEC	177/2	177/6						
4	MATTEL INC	7/0	6/7						
3	MCA INCORP	47/3	47/4						
2	MCDONALDS	46/0	46/3						
1	MCDONNELL	62/1	62/0						
0	MCGRAW-HILL	56/4	56/3						
9	MEAD	36/2	35/7						
8	MERCK - CO	159/5	159/2						
7	MEREDITH	29/2	28/6						
6	MERRILL LY	23/1	23/3						
5	MESA OFFSH	1/2	1/3						
4	MOBIL OIL	44/6	44/3						
3	MORAWK DAT	0	51/4						
2	MONSANTO	86/3	86/2						

### Dow Jones Plus Indices

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,011.94	+ 5.97	2,018.07	2,005.14
TRANS	800.12	+ 8.98	825.62	797.15
UTILS	183.68	- 0.17	184.74	183.68
STOCKS	748.15	+ 3.39	754.24	746.77
NYSE COMP	146.26	+ 0.30		
S-P COMPOSITE	260.35	+ 0.53		
NYSE INDS	175.54	+ 0.55		
AMEX INDEX	279.90	+ 0.97		
NASD COMP	356.23	+ 1.49		
NASD BANKING	436.59	+ 0.36		
NASD FIN'L	445.63	+ 0.42		
NASD INDS	358.95	+ 2.40		
B-P 100 INDEX	748.52	+ 3.39		

o . MORT THIO 43/6 43/4

# Wall Street Statistics \*Composite\*

FORD MOTOR	44 1/8	+	1/8	UNCH
LORIMAR TE	10 1/4			UNCH

NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE		
CCX INC	3	+ 1/4	TRANSO	11 1/2	+ 3 1/2
SANTA FE	22 1/8	+ 1 5/8	GN UNIT	69 3/4	+ 7 1/2
R T E CP	24 1/4	+ 1 3/4	MOORE INC	8 13 1/4	+ 1 3/8
PILLSBURY	31 1/2	- 3	IDENTIX	2 1/8	- 1/2
INTL TECH	2 3/4	- 1/4	KEY CO B	2 1/4	- 1/4
NYSE VOLUME	90,242,700		AMEX VOLUME	6,239,760	
STOCKS UP	746		STOCKS UP	246	
STOCKS DOWN	4SS		STOCKS DOWN	180	
16-FEB NASDAQ VOLUME	105,059,700				
STOCKS UP 1052	DOWN 1051				

2

New York, Feb 17 — Wall Street stocks held most of their morning gains at midday, although the market was no longer advancing and blue chips were beneath their session highs. Brokers said light volume on gains yesterday and today showed a lack of conviction the stock market would go much higher.

The Dow 30 index was up five points at 20111 but hit an earlier high of 20180. Gainers led decliners by less than two-to-one after leading by three-to-one earlier.

Federated Department Stores fell 3 1/4 to 60 1/2. The company rejected a sweetened takeover offer by Campeau at 66 dls a shr.

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REUTERS FINANCIAL SERVICES

\_\_\_\_\_



International Bond Highlights

London — British Airways Plc chairman Lord King said the company was in the process of arranging a 250 mln dir, 12-year floating rate note placement to Japanese investors to be swapped into a fixed rate dollar bond. (RCMC 1041)

Zurich — The Kingdom of Sweden is launching a 200 mln Swiss franc, 20 year, five pct bond priced at 101 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse said. (RTWV 1437)

London — Leeds Permanent Building Society is issuing a 100 mln stg par priced floating rate note due October 1994, paying an initial 1/8 pct over three month London interbank offered rate, lead manager Baring Brothers and Co Ltd said. (RCMD 1105)

Zurich — Spanish utility Union Electrica Ferrosa SA is launching 150 mln Swiss francs of six-year 4-3/4 pct bullet notes, issue priced at 100-1/4 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RCMI 1028)

Zurich — The Canton of Zurich is launching a 10-year four pct bond of about 150 mln Swiss francs with price to be set at auction, lead manager Zurich Kantonalbank said. (RTXD 1526)

Zurich — Japan's Nippon Steel Chemical Co Ltd is issuing 70 mln Swiss francs of five-year convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1-1/8 pct and priced at par, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said. (RCMJ 1010)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-1/2 1/4	8-3/4 5/8	9-5/16 3/16
FFT 3-3/5 1/4	3-25/35	3-30/40
ZUR 7-3/16 1/4	7-5/16 7/16	7-1/2 5/8
PAR 1/8 3/8	1-1/8 1-3/8	1-1/2 1-3/4
BRX 4-25	6-3/16 5/16	6-3/16 5/16
ROM 10-10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-7/8 11-3/8
AMS 4-3/4 5-1/4	4-0 4-1/8	4-0 4-1/8
TOK 3-250 3125	3-8125 8750	3-7500 8125
ECU 6.00 6.25	6.12 6.25	6.37 6.50

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	4-1/2	5
3 months	4-3/4	5-1/8
6 months	4-11/16	5-1/8
1 year	4-3/4	5-1/4

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	31.50	31.50	32.50	INDIAKAL	---	---	---
ACC	159	159	159	102	103	104.50	ORAY	23	23	22.50
ADHIVAD	---	---	---	350	24	24	PREMAUTO	27	27	27.50
ADHIVAD CEN	9.50	9.50	10	88.50	89	89	RAYMOND CO	47	46	47
ADHIVAD VLY	143.75	142.50	142.50	120	121	122	RAYMOND CO	98	99	98
BAJAJ AUTO	420	421.25	416.25	18	18.50	18.50	SPIC	31.50	32	32
BAR RAYON	155	157.50	155	49.50	50	49.50	STD MILLS	240	250	257.50
BOM OYING	121	121	121	180	177.50	178	STH MEDICAL	---	14.50	15
BSE INDEX	423.92	419.14	419.14	32.50	32	32	STEELUBE	---	10	10
CENTURYSPG	650	660	665	---	---	---	TATA PIR	175	177	177.50
COLGATE	193.75	195	195	52	52.50	52.50	TATACON	63	63.50	63
DEEPAK FERT	30	29.50	30.50	82	82.50	82.50	TATACON	73	73	73
DRACEMENT	---	---	---	---	---	---	TELOS	362.50	360	362.50
FICOM ORG	---	---	---	---	---	---	UDATPHOSP	---	---	---
GARUPOLY	77	77	77.50	56	56.50	56.50	VOLTAS	260	260	265

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AEG	216.5
ALLIANZ VR	1390.0
BASF	175.0
BAYER	254.7
BAYER HYP	331.0
BAYER VER	331.0
BBK	283.0
BHF	313.0
BHW	525.0
CHERIE-VER	0
COMMERZBANK	220.0
CONTI GUM	210.8
DAI NIP	664.5
DAI NIP PT	420.0
DAI NIP TO	304.8
DAI NIP TO	238.0
DAI NIP TO	156.5
FAZ INDEX	442.45
GOLDSCHEID	231.0
GUTHOFF	0
HANSEATIC	385.0
HOFMEIER AG	250.0
HOFMEIER AG	100.5
HOFMEIER AG	168.0
HOFMEIER AG	406.0
KALI HALD	123.5
KARSTADT	399.0
KARSTADT	365.8
KLOECK H	93.0
KLOECK M	0
LINDE	570.0
LUFTHANSA	142.0
MAN	158.0
MANNESMAN	123.0
MERCEDES	531.0
METALLGES	205.0
NIXDORF PF	522.5
NIXDORF PF	44.80
PHILIP LOM	615.0
PORESCHE	429.0
PREUSSAG	117.5
PWA	191.0
RHEIN	216.0
RHEIN P	211.0
RHEINMETAL	245.0
SALAMANDER	262.0
SCHERING	435.0
SEL	314.0
SIEMENS	382.0
THYSEN	121.0
VEBA	234.5
VEBA	244.5
VEV	163.5
VOLKSWAGEN	239.0

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	NITSUB CP	1150	1100
AJINOMOTO	3430	3450	603	606
AKAI ELEC	520	510	589	583
AKAI OPT	940	945	742	730
ASAHI GAS	1880	1880	1620	1540
ASAHI OPT	895	897	1160	1200
BANK TOKYO	1520	1450	1350	1350
BRIDGESTON	1350	1350	707	707
CANON	1040	1050	1760	1750
CASIO CORP	1240	1250	2020	2020
CHUGAI PHG	1670	1680	297	298
CITIZEN W	590	599	1180	1170
O-ICHI KAN	3180	3170	396	399
DAI NIP IK	783	790	546	542
DAI NIP PT	2630	2630	805	783
DAI NIP TO	990	990	3550	3540
DAI NIP TO	990	990	1030	1010
DAI NIP TO	778	778	1160	1170
DAIWA H	1710	1710	845	849
DAIWA SEC	2290	2280	2810	2830
EBRA HFG	830	838	829	830
EISAI	2450	2470	1250	1250
FUJII BANK	3370	3370	250	250
FUJII PHOTO	4000	4020	520	520
FUJITSAMA	2060	2040	1810	1830
FUJITA CP	700	700	983	999
HITACHI	1250	1260	1700	1630
HONDA MOT	1400	1420	4750	4830
ISETAN	1420	1370	1060	1030
ITO YOKADO	4110	4100	894	894
JAP SYN RU	951	975	1170	1170
JAPAN AIR	14200	13700	3080	3100
JAPAN MET	429	438	769	775
KAJIMA	1490	1500	96.24	981.70
KANSAI EL	2720	2690	1980	2000
KAO SOAP	1910	1900	1180	1220
KAWASAKI H	308	311	980	974
KIRIN BREW	2220	2220	5440	5250
KOMATSU	633	630	773	770
KUBOTA LTD	570	556	2310	2220
KYOCERA	5660	5690	421	427
MAKITA EL	1810	1760	1950	1930
MARUI	3050	3030	1010	999
MATSUITA EI	2320	2310	1780	1780
MATSUITA EL	2270	2270	4200	4210
NEIJI SEIK	920	910	1530	1530

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER ON LATE REBOUND

TOKYO, FEB 17 - SHARE PRICES LEAPED OUT OF THE DOLDRUMS IN LATE TRADE TO CLOSE HIGHER FOR THE FIFTH SUCCESSIVE SESSION ON OPTIMISM OVER THE DOLLAR'S STRENGTH AND WALL STREET'S OVERNIGHT RALLY, BROKERS SAID.

THE HIGHEST INDEX CLIMBED 84.29 POINTS TO END AT 24,429.95, JUST OFF A MORNING HIGH, AFTER EASING SLIGHTLY AT ONE POINT.

ON TUESDAY THE AVERAGE ROSE 138.19. ADVANCES JUST LED DECLINES IN TURNOVER OF 700 MLN SHARES AGAINST 680 MLN ON TUESDAY.

"BUYING IS MAINLY CENTERED ON STOCKS WHICH HAVE LAGGED THE MARKET'S ADVANCE OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS," SAID HIROYUKI WADA, MANAGER AT OKASAKI SECURITIES.

TODAY'S 0.35 PCT RISE BRINGS THE INDEX TO ITS HIGHEST POINT SINCE THE CRASH ON OCTOBER 20. THE AVERAGE NOW STANDS 8.32 PCT OFF ITS PRE-CRASH RECORD SET ON OCTOBER 14.

"THE MARKET LOOKS BASICALLY STRONG, INTEREST RATES ARE LOW, AND CONSUMER SPENDING IS BOOMING," SAID OKASAKI'S WADA.

COMMUNICATIONS, BANK, CREDIT LEASE, SECURITIES HOUSE, RAILWAY, AIRLINES, RUBBER, RETAIL, AND REAL ESTATE SHARES GAINED.

BUT BROKERS SAID THE MARKET LACKS FRESH REASONS TO BUY STOCKS, AND CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON ISSUES, LIKE NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE, WHICH HAVE LAGGED BEHIND THE INDEX.

NTT GAINED 50,000 YEN TO 2.35 MLN. TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER JUMPED 210 TO 5,440.

BANKING SHARES HAVE ALSO TRAILED THE INDEX'S RECENT ADVANCE. THE LONG TERM CREDIT BANK OF JAPAN PUT ON 1,000 TEN TO 21,000. THE BANK OF TOKYO (BOT) DREW ADDED POPULARITY BECAUSE ITS MAJORITY OWNED CALIFORNIA FIRST BANK UNIT SIGNED A LETTER OF INTENT ON TUESDAY TO BUY UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA FROM STANDARD CHARTERED PLC. BOT SHARES ROSE 70 TEN TO 1,520.

DEPARTMENT STORE EQUITIES ROSE ON BALLOONING CONSUMER SPENDING AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE RISEN LESS THAN SUPERMARKET ISSUES, CONSIDERED ALMOST EQUIVALENT, BROKERS SAID.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, FEB 16 - SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER IN THE HALF TRADING DAY, BUT VOLUME WAS THIN AHEAD OF THE THREE-DAY HOLIDAY, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ENDED 26.29 POINTS HIGHER AT 2,328.04 WHILE THE BROADER BASED HONG KONG INDEX ROSE 17.02 POINTS TO 1,521.85. BUT TURNOVER WAS A MEAGER 279.35 MLN HK. DLRS, AGAINST 408.90 MLN ON MONDAY.

BROKERS SAID SENTIMENT HAD IMPROVED FOLLOWING A CONTINUED RALLY FOR THE LAST FIVE DAYS, AS THE HANG SENG INDEX GAINED A TOTAL OF 105 POINTS.

AMMAN

AL HAYME MINERALS	OPNG	CLSG	JOR LINE AND BRICK	0.21	0.21
AL-HISER EXCHANGE	0.79	0.79	JOR MANAG/CONSULT	---	---
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.36	1.36	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.43	2.43
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.98	1.96	JOR PAPER CARDBOG	3.05	3.10
ARAB BANK	120.0	119.0	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.40	2.39
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.50	4.45	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.26	1.24
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.47	1.48	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.15	2.05
ARAB INSURANCE	0.99	1.00	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.00	3.65
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	---	---	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.68	0.69
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.95	0.96	JOR SECURIT. CORP	0.91	0.91
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58	JOR TIMBER PROCES.	0.17	0.17
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.09	2.10	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.31	1.30
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.36	0.38	JOR WORSTED HILL	4.50	4.50
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	2.16	2.16	JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.14	7.14
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.90	5.43
BANK OF JORDAN	16.40	16.40	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	1.89	1.87
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JOR. KAW. OO. AGRE.	1.00	1.00
CATRO AMMAN BANK	28.50	28.50	JORDAN BREWERY	3.65	3.65
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.44	0.43	JORDAN OAIRT	1.02	1.02
DAR ALONAH DV/INV.	1.58	1.57	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.18	1.17
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.44	0.45	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.93	0.95
DEVELOP/INVEST/FAS.	0.63	0.62	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.33	0.33
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.63	0.63	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.85	1.84
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.30	1.30	JORDAN KUMAIT BANK	1.64	1.63
GENERAL MINING.	1.30	1.30	JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
HOLY LAND INS.	1.15	1.20	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.72	0.72
IND./WATCH JEMCO	0.75	0.74	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
INDUSTRIAL DEVPT BHK	1.50	1.29	MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
INDUSTRIAL/COMM/AGR.	1.51	1.50	MIDDLE EAST INS.	60.00	60.00
INDUSTRIAL INVEST	---	---	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.60
INTERMED/PETRO/CH	1.45	1.47	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.50	1.50
INTERMED/INV	0.64	0.64	NAT/CABLE/WIRE/RF	1.00	1.02
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.97	0.98	NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.50	1.28
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.50	0.50
J.PRESS FOUNDATION	3.50	3.20	NATIONAL STEEL	2.70	2.69
JERUSALEM INS.	1.28	1.28	HTNSHIPPING LINE	0.91	0.88
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.50	13.50	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.06	1.05	PETRA BANK	2.05	2.05
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	PETRA ENTERPRISES	0.69	0.71
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.48	1.47	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.21	1.21	PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.72	0.69
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.05	1.04	RAFA INDUSTRIAL	0.45	0.44
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.45	0.44
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.	1.80	1.74	SPINNING WEAVING	0.94	0.94
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	THE HOUSING BANK	1.59	1.59
			UNITED INSURANCE	2.50	2.50
			UNIVERSAL CHEN. IND	1.99	1.97
			UNIVERSAL INS.	0.74	0.74
			WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.92	0.86
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.10

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	SECTOR	BUY	SELL	BC-A	72.50	72.50
STOCK	LT	BUY	SELL	LC-A	50	50
AC-A	8.60	8.60	8.70	LC-B	54	55
ANSCOR	4.80	4.70	4.80	PK-A	39	40
FER.	2.44	2.44	2.48	PK-B	40	39
GLO	31.50	31.50	32.00	OIL SECTOR	---	---
PLDT	148.00	146.00	147.00	BP-A	0.16	0.15
PTC	21.00	21.00	21.00	BP-B	0.16	0.17
SNC-A	121.00	121.00	122.00	LRC-A	0.03	0.03
SNC-B	133.00	132.00	132.00	LRC-B	0.03	0.03
HINING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPN-A	0.04	0.04
APX-A	0.038	0.038	0.039	OPN-B	0.04	0.04
APX-B	0.039	0.039	0.04	OV-A	0.04	0.04
AT-A	24.50	24.25	24.50	OV-B	0.04	0.04

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SECTOR	VALUES	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	338,670	9,951,220	750.99	0.0
HINING IND.	928,500	8,703,450	5,285.78	0.0
OIL	152,250,000	4,460,800	6.442	0.170
TOTAL	232,517,170	23,115,470	807.34	20.65

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	SECTOR	BUY	SELL	BC-A	73
-----------------------	--------	-----	------	------	----



## UK trade team for Kuwait

A BRITISH trade mission arrives in Kuwait tomorrow, and will be staying at the Sheraton Hotel until February 22. The mission is being organised by the Kent and Sussex Exporters' Club.

Fifteen British companies are participating in this trade mission. Some have visited Kuwait earlier.

Many of the companies are involved in the industrial sector: making corrosion control systems, electrical equipment, protective clothing, oil industry supplies, automobile parts, and fire fighting equipment.

The consumer goods sector is also well-represented: leather goods, furniture, blankets, and promotional items are amongst the products.

The services or "invisible" sector is playing an increasing role in British trade: the mission reflects this with representatives from an aircraft and motor engineering college, an Arab/Islamic art consultant, an interior design expert, and a transportation/sourcing office.

The last product represented is difficult to classify, but is certainly not "invisible" — bagpipes, whose representative is Sir Patrick Grant.

Further details are available from the British Embassy Commercial Section Telephone 2439220/1/2/4.

## S.Korea boosts fee on imported crude

SEOUL, Feb 17, (Opecna): The South Korean government will as from today increase the fee on imported crude to \$6.48 a barrel from the previous level of \$4.66, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Energy and Resources.

The government first levied fees on imported oil in 1979 to raise money for the petroleum business fund, set up to finance South Korean overseas oil ventures.

The fund has since enabled the Korean Oil Development Company (Kodeco) to conduct oil exploration and development activities in the offshore west Madura field in Opec member Indonesia.

## UK shares firm as dollar ends steady

LONDON, Feb 17, (Reuters): London shares firmed and most European bourses ended higher today, but trading was light and investors seemed unwilling to put much money in any financial markets, dealers said.

The dollar held steady, to close at 1.7060 West German marks and 130.25 yen. It traded at \$1.7485 to the pound sterling. Gold was fixed in London at \$445.60 an ounce, up 60 cents.

### Investors

London's FTSE 100-share index rose 13.5 points to 1,748.1, but dealers said much of the gain was due to investors switching shares in their portfolios, with little new buying going on.

Despite Tuesday's news of a settlement in the Ford Motor Co strike which has shut down

Britain's largest car-maker, many investors are worried about labour unrest, dealers said. Others are concerned that wage demands now will trigger inflation.

### Bids

"Ford started the industrial unrest ball rolling about 10 years ago, and given the fact that the unions appear to have won (now), it could well mean an escalation of unrest elsewhere," one dealer said.

He said some investors may be uncomfortably reminded of the "winter of discontent" in 1979, when a series of strikes swept Britain, and eventually helped bring down the government of Prime Minister James Callaghan.

In Paris and Amsterdam,

meanwhile, investors bet that more takeover bids were in the works and they snapped up shares of firms they thought are likely candidates.

The Paris bourse indicator rose 1.42 per cent, while Amsterdam's CBS All-Share index rose 0.5 points to 76.6.

In Frankfurt, the Faz index fell 0.91 points to 442.45 having climbed strongly earlier this week.

"It was not a setback but a welcome and necessary technical correction," a Frankfurt dealer said.

In Zurich, the All-Share Swiss index gained 6.5 points to 821.9, while Milan's MIB index was up 2.2 per cent. Madrid rose.

Norwegian and Finnish shares were up but Swedish shares closed lower.

Meanwhile, crude oil prices

firmed slightly on international spot markets today, but actively remained at a very low ebb, traders and brokers said.

The Institute of Petroleum Week in London, when traders from around the world meet for a round of social events including the institute's annual dinner, continued to restrict trading.

Despite the firmer trend, in the background good supplies of physical crude continues to lead the market a bearish undertone.

Towards the close of European trade, North Sea Brent, the most widely traded international crude, was 15 cents higher at \$15.85 a barrel. Dubai, the key Middle East grade, was up 15 cents at \$15.15. The benchmark US crude, West Texas Intermediate, was 20 cents higher than Friday, at \$16.70.

## Arabs keen to invest in Indian projects

NEW DELHI, Feb 17, (Kuna): Arab businessmen have expressed interest to invest in various industrial sectors, hotel industry, software and engineering, in India.

A 13-member economic delegation, which included six traders and industrialists from Kuwait held a series of talks with the Indian public and private sector officials for exploring possibilities of cooperation for setting up joint venture in third countries.

The delegation, led by Nabeel Shaath, had a detailed discussion with the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (Ficci) here in this regard yesterday.

The members of the team said that India's expertise in machinery manufacture, technology, mining, and hotel management could be of immense use for Arab countries. They expressed willingness to set up joint ventures in software and indicated the possibility of cooperation in hardware also. Other areas of cooperation are crude and petroleum products.

### Exploration

India could help Arab countries in exploration and drilling programme. Several Indian oil and natural gas experts are already engaged in oil exploration programmes in North Yemen, which has started explor-

ing crude from November last year.

The economic delegation met Industry Minister Vengal Rao and Programme Implementation Minister Shiv Shankar and discussed measures to promote two-way trade between Arab nations and India.

In 1986-87 India exported goods worth \$1 billion to the Arab world and imported crude and petroleum products worth \$2.6 billion from them.

Dr Nabeel Shaath said that "we want economic partners, who do not seek hegemony over us." In this regard India could be one of the best economic partners, to give help in the developmental process of the Arab world. There are already over one million Indians working in the Arab world, now there is a need to get technical know-how and expertise from India.

### Revolution

He said India was witnessing an electronic revolution and India's growing sophistication in industry, technology and frontier areas offer vast opportunities to Arab countries to take advantage through collaboration and joint ventures.

Dr Shaath said the recent crash in world stock markets has caused heavy loss to the Arab countries which had invested billions of dollars in Western nations.

## Kuwait Fund and Cyprus sign loan agreement

A LOAN agreement was signed in Nicosia between the Republic of Cyprus and Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, whereby the fund will give a loan of KD 4,300,000 to help finance southern conveyor project for water resources development (phase 2), a fund release in Kuwait said yesterday.

The loan agreement was signed last February 12 on behalf of the Republic of Cyprus by Christos Mavrellis, Minister of Finance and on behalf of the fund by Abdul Wahab Ahmed Al Bader, deputy director general for operations of the Kuwait Fund.

The project aims to maintain and develop irrigated agriculture in the Kokkinokhorra project area by enhancing the water supply made available under phase 1 of the project and the prevention of sea water intrusion into the aquifer. The project also provides irrigation water to 4,300 hectares of agricultural lands in addition to supplementing existing potable water supplies for the cities of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and rural areas, the release added.

### Project

The project consists of diversion structures to transfer water from Dhiarizos river through a tunnel about 16 km long and construction of irrigation networks for about 4300 hectares of agricultural lands. Components

include two water treatment plants, a 36 km long pipeline to convey potable water to the capital Nicosia in addition to the provision of water for 20 villages. The project includes the provision of consulting and technical services, and equipment for project operation, the Kfard added.

Total cost of the project is estimated at KD 47.1 million of which 9 per cent will be covered in full by the fund loan, the release added that execution of the integrated project commenced in 1984 and is expected to be completed in 1993.

## Dutch auditors to visit Caracas

CARACAS, Feb 17, (Opecna): A three-member team from the Dutch auditing firm Klynveld Kraayenhof (KKK) is scheduled to arrive here for a one-week visit to collect data and information on Venezuela's oil production.

Dr Mario Rodriguez, director for commercial affairs of Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), the Venezuelan state petroleum company, told Opecna today that the team will begin their work on Monday with a meeting with petroleum officials at the company's headquarters.

The group will then visit three main oil exports terminals he said.

## Societe Generale shares soar

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb 17, (AP): The share price of Societe Generale de Belgique sa rose 580 francs (\$16.57) to 4,730 francs (\$135.14) yesterday as Italian financier Carlo de Benedetti launched his long-awaited bid to take control of Belgium's largest holding.

But De Benedetti acted with little apparent enthusiasm, according to dealers who said the Italian appeared not to improve his offer of 4,000 francs (\$114.29) per share.

With the market price far above that, the president of Olivetti Spa seemed to wait for the price to fall before raising his stake, they said.

De Benedetti's offer of \$114.29 runs through March 4. He has said he already controls 38 per cent of Societe Generale and wants to buy 15 per cent more.

### Loss

Yesterday's gain nearly wiped out the 700-franc (\$20) loss Societe Generale posted last Friday.

The share price hit a record 4,850 francs (\$138.57) last Thursday. A total of 278,000 Societe Gen-

erale shares were traded on the Brussels stock exchange on Monday, a sizeable volume by Belgian standards but well down from last week's levels when the battle for control of Societe Generale was in full swing.

Trading totaled 1.4 million shares last Tuesday, 845,000 shares on Wednesday and 527,000 shares on Thursday.

### Trading

Dealers reported no significant trading in Societe Generale off the exchange.

Last Friday, a group of mostly Belgian investors failed to agree with France's Compagnie Financiere de Suez to keep the company anchored in Belgium.

This forced Belgian industrialist Andre Leysen, head of the Gevaert NV Holding, to quit as the group's spokesman, strengthening De Benedetti's hand.

De Benedetti is seeking to run the day-to-day affairs of Societe Generale which controls a third of the Belgian economy. He wants to turn the company into a pan-European holding enterprise.

Last weekend was awash with rumours of possible successors to Leysen to keep Societe Generale

essentially Belgian.

Yet one presumed candidate, Albert Frere of the financial group Bruxelles Lambert, has denied he was a candidate.

### Courage

"I am really not interested to succeed Leysen, whose courage I admire," he said.

Economie Affairs Minister Philippe Maystadt said on the weekend "vital sectors" of the economy which are controlled by Societe Generale, would still be subject to a government veto, whoever has a majority in the company.

"Above and beyond all the financial games, we must return to the essential point for Belgian control," said Maystadt.

In recent weeks, trading off the Brussels exchange often dwarfed official trading with anonymous buyers paying premium rates for Societe Generale shares. Last Thursday, the unofficial share price rose as high as 5,300 francs (\$151.42).

Traders said it was hard to say who bought Societe Generale shares on the market on Monday but said any of a number of Belgian or French companies may have sought to boost their stakes.

## US housing starts drop and industrial output up

WASHINGTON, Feb 17, (Reuters): US housing starts in January fell to the lowest level in more than five years, but the industrial sector of the economy continued to expand, the government said today.

Housing starts fell 1.9 per cent last month to an annual rate of 1,377 million units, the lowest level since December 1982, according to the Commerce Department.

The fall, which followed a steep 15.5 per cent drop in December, confounded economists' expectations of a modest rebound to about 1.45 million.

Industrial production, meanwhile, rose 0.2 per cent in January after growing by 0.4 per cent in December and November, the Federal Reserve Board said.

### Forecasts

The increase was in line with the forecasts of most economists, who said the industrial sector is riding the crest of an export boom caused by the cheap dollar.

Taken together, today's data provided evidence that the long-

awaited shift in the composition of economic growth away from domestic consumption and toward exports, needed to reduce America's huge trade deficit, is now well under way, economists said.

If the transformation continued at the current pace, economists said the economy would probably avoid a recession this election year.

But they said clouds were gathering over the housing industry.

### Experts

Most building experts had dismissed December's decline in housing starts, the steepest monthly fall in three years, as an aberration rather than the harbinger of a depression in the housing industry.

But today's report brought more gloomy news.

Building permits, a barometer of future building activity, fell 8.2 per cent last month to an annual rate of 1.25 million after a 7.4 per cent decline in December to 1,361,000.

## Saudis realised \$2b from non-oil exports

DAMMAM, Feb 17, (Opecna): Saudi Arabia realised \$2.18 billion last year from its non-oil exports, Commerce Minister for Sulaiman Al Sulaim said here yesterday.

Addressing the opening session of the Saudi Arabian export development symposium, he noted that increasing importance was being given by the government to the commercial sector in order to expand the country's economic base as part of a drive to lessen dependence on oil.

The meeting is organised by the eastern province's Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Saudi Export Development Centre and the Saudi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Participants at the meeting, comprising businessmen and government officials, will discuss the country's export drive, including the trade financing programme of the Islamic Development Bank and the role of the Saudi National Committee for Trade Financing.

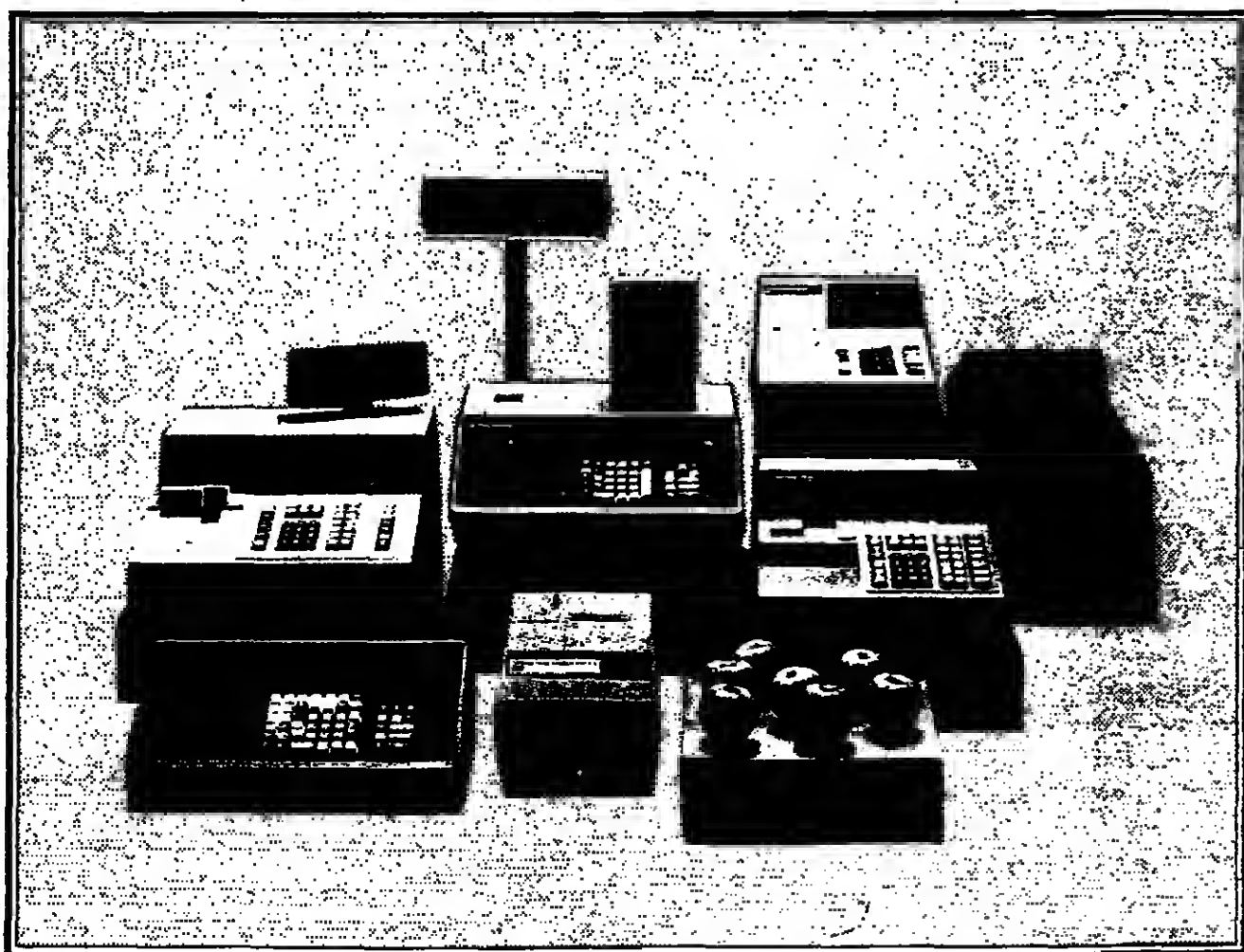
## PUBLIC NOTICE



National Semiconductor

DATACHECKER/DTS

NSC DATACHECKER/DTS



One of the world's largest manufacturer of Point-of-Sales (POS) machines would like the general public in Kuwait to know that it has ceased dealership/relations with Kuwait Computer Services from 30th June, 1987.

Sole dealership of DTS machines in Kuwait has been awarded to ALMOAYYED INTERNATIONAL GROUP who will directly market and provide support services for our machines from their soon to open office in Kuwait.

In the interim, all transactions and queries should be addressed to OVERSEAS OPERATION P.O. BOX 10805, MANAMA, BAHRAIN TLX: 7162 BN, TEL: 271679







# ARAB TIMES Classifieds

# MARKET PLACE

## ACCOMMODATION Available

JABRIYA, studio apartments ready for occupation immediately. Bus routes 19, 18, 37. Rent KD90. Tel. Tony, 5330271. (AT4-41022-3)

SALWA, House-198, Block-7 behind Irani shop. One big room with water, electricity and kitchen for a family/bachelors with an Indian family. Rent. KD50. Tel. Mohammad, 5611243. (AT5-41038-3)

SHAMIYA, accommodation available for two spinsters/bachelors to share with a Catholic family, with food. Close to main road. KD50. Tel. 2443353/2443553. (AT4-41028-3)

KUWAIT City, Sharq, for one Indian Muslim bachelor, non-smoker, to share with two bachelors. Rent KD35. Tel. 2445561, 6-10 pm. (AT4-41007-3)

KUWAIT City, Al Mishan building, ground floor, door No 4, near Sheraton and very close to Roman Catholic Church, accommodation for bachelors. Contact Al Othman Jewellery Shop, behind GPO. (AT5-41045-3)

KUWAIT City, near Sheraton Hotel, Fahd Al Salem Street, one room sharing accommodation available with a Catholic family. Tel. Agnello, 2414725, after 5 pm. (AT4-41015-3)

## FOR RENT

Available villas, floors of villas, new and deluxe apartments. Good for embassies, managers and families. **Saad Al-Dabous Real Estate Est.** Tel. 2418969/2418963/2435571

## Buy land in Texas USA

\$30/Sq mtr 30% down payment, balance to be paid within 96 months. For details: Masen Alhadi 4700 Rockledge Rd., Suite 545 Cleveland 44131 Ohio - USA. Tel: (216) 6423400

## Tailored S/W Arabic & English

Accounting  
Inventory  
Library  
Real Estate  
Personal & Tel Directory  
Label Address  
Magazine Subscription system  
**Raed Computers**  
Rahab Complex, Hawail, Tel: 2668800.

## Door to door...

...to your very best satisfaction

No one does it better. The highest IATA freight agent in Kuwait.

**Alghanim**  
Sea-Freight, Air-Packing  
Fahad 3823496/8 - Sharq 2480872/3  
Sheraton 2412595/2416081

## Required immediately

● **Kitchen Workers** for fast food restaurants. Must have 3 years previous experience.

● **Waiters and waitresses** Must have at least 3 years of experience.

All applicants must have transferable residences and health certificates. Tel. 5714093

## Required immediately

● **Kitchen Workers** for fast food restaurants. Must have 3 years previous experience.

● **Waiters and waitresses** Must have at least 3 years of experience.

All applicants must have transferable residences and health certificates. Tel. 5714093

KUWAIT City, Qibla near GPO, one room with water and electricity for bachelors only, to share with a family. Tel. 2401610. (AT5-41040-3)

KUWAIT City, Istiqlal Street, big rooms for a family or girls (Indian only). Reasonable rent. Tel. 2444127. (AT6-41070-2)

SALMIYA, near the Indian School, fully furnished single room, for a married couple or working girls to share with a Pakistani family. Tel. Mrs. Rehane, 5634235, 6-7 pm. (AT6-41068-3)

KUWAIT City, Sharq, behind Burkan Bank. Accommodation in a CAC flat with tele. and kitchen facilities. Tel. 2402250, 2405316. (AT6-41073-2)

## For Rent

SALMIYA, opp. petrol station, 3 bedroom flat with tele. Price for furniture negotiable. Rent KD 150. Tel. Mahesh, 2412598, 5630757. (AT5-TM-2)

RUMATHIYA, 2 big bedrooms with balconies and built-in cupboards, sitting room, kitchen, bathroom; on 1st floor of a villa. Rent KD 120 with water and electricity. Tel. Arshad, 5330880, 9 am-9 pm. (AT5-41048-3)

MISHRIEF, 2 storey 4 bedroom villa with a beautiful garden and attached extra 3 room quarters, curtains, carpets and irrigation system, for sale. Rent KD 650. Tel. 5382129, 9 am-12 noon & 5-7 pm. (AT5-41047-3)

SALMIYA, single bedroom flat between Salmiya junior and senior schools with tele. ready for occupation from April 1, tele. 5655715. (AT4-41019-3)

MISHRIEF, first-floor, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, dining and sitting room, private entrance. Rent KD350. Tel. 5385176, 2-5 pm. (AT4-41009-3)

## FOR SALE

### Cars

MAZDA 1980, metallic grey, 5 speed, engine recently overhauled. Insured upto 1989. KD250 cash. Tel. 2415895. (AT5-41043-2)

SUZUKI 4WD Jeep SJ410, Dec. 1984, silver grey, 28000 km, in excellent condition. KD750. Tel. 2641896. (AT4-41010-2)

DODGE Ramcharger, Royal SE 150, 4 x 4 fully automatic, excellent condition. Reg. upto Nov 88. For details tele. 5635419, 5-8 pm. (AT4-41021-3)

MERCEDES 200, 86 model, automatic, 20,000 kms. red, AC, in excellent condition. KD5900, negotiable. Tel. Mr. Adil, 5511608, 4710187. (AT6-41064-3)

SAAB 900 turbo, 1982, registered till April 1988, white, automatic, KD550 ono. Tel. Mr. Atif, 4883311, 4883311, 8 am-1 pm. (AT4-41017-3)

NISSAN Skyline 2.4 GT coupe 1982, one owner from new. Reg. upto 30 Nov 88, regularly serviced, in very good condition. KD800. Tel. Mr. Edwards, 5749023 0-0 after 2 pm 4833763 (O). (AT5-41025-3)

HONDA Accord, 1983 model, fully automatic with AC and sunroof, in very good condition. KD1100. Tel. Mohammed, 4866309. (AT5-41030-3)

DODGE Le Baron 1981, AC, automatic, registered upto January 1989 in excellent condition. KD650. Tel. Mr. Paul, 4833076, 9 am-12 noon, 5720136, after 2 pm. (AT5-41038-3)

HONDA Accord EX, 82 model, hatchback, 109,000 kms. automatic, sunroof with full options. In good condition. KD800, negotiable. Owner leaving. Tel. 2459771 ext. 4202, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. (AT6-41066-3)

## Furniture

AMERICAN made 7-seater sofa set with rust coloured velvet type upholstery. KD150, bunkbed made of pinewood, KD25. Tel. M. Islam, 5317598, after 5:30 pm. (AT5-41029-2)

GERMAN double bedroom set, big fridge, dining table, German wall unit, gas cylinders, ironing board etc. Tel. S.R. Ahmad, 3721410, 4-9 pm. (AT5-41033-2)

## Miscellaneous

IBM electronic typewriter 75 with memory. Full instruction manual. Excellent condition. Ideal for home or office. KD350. Tel. Edwards, 5749023 0-0, after 2 pm 4833763 (O). (AT4-41024-3)

NATIONAL microwave, Indesit, dishwasher, sofa 3+1+1, chest of drawers, oil heaters. Also Galant 83, super saloon (Mangaf). Tel. M. Khalil, 3712555, 4-7 pm. (AT5-41032-2)

Fully furnished two bedroom flat with all electrical home appliances and 3 split A/C units behind Indian School, Salmiya. Tel. 5643782, 2-7 pm. (AT4-41014-3)

WASHER, electric oven, Technics stereo, master bedroom, children bedrooms, carpets, curtains, light fittings, children's slide, wardrobes, wood cabinets and other miscellaneous items. Tel. 5382129, 9 am-12 noon, 5-7 pm. (AT5-41047-3)

2 SOFASETS, dining-table with 6 chairs, cupboards, beds, 2 1/2 ton air conditioners, 2 General, 1 washinghouse with heater (new) Tel. 5635149, 6:30. (AT5-41041-2)

A DUAL bedroom, wooden bed, wooden cupboards, sofa set, glassable set, gas stove, TV, tele. line, also an attractive CAC flat in Abu Halifa. Tel. 3947297. (AT5-41034-2)

## Computers

COMMODORE 64 with colour monitor, 1541 disk drive, MP803 dot matrix printer with printshop, 1520 printer plotter, 4 colours. Koala pad for drawing and printing and joysticks. Tel. Mac, 5385425, 4-8 pm. (AT4-41011-3)

## Electronics

KD350 ono. Excellent opportunity to buy almost new 'Samsul' stereo system comprising turntable, timer, tuner, cassette deck and twin amplifiers with stand and speakers. Must see to appreciate. Tel. 5639289. (AT6-41050-3)

## LOST

RED wallet containing money and passport No. D450004 in the name of Oscar Doroteo, Filipino. Lost in-between Sulaibiya and Sulaibikhat in a bus. Tel. Mr. Adolf, 4678512. (AT6-41054-3)

IDENTITY card No. 222808 and Civil Card No. 2510400859 in the name of Mohammad Salim Abdul Gani Shaikh, lost in Darwaza Abdul Razzak, Sharq. Tel. 2406354, or contact the Indian Embassy. (AT5-41035-3)

PASSPORT No. A758542, Pakistani, Hameed Mohd Allah Bukah. Tel. 5633036, 7 am-10:30 pm. (AT4-41019-3)

## SITUATIONS

### Vacant

MAID, Filipino, required for a British family to live-in. Must have transferable visa, references, speak fluent English and be a good cook. Tel. 3985942. (AT4-41027-3)

MAID, required, non-Filipino for a small family to live-in. Tel. Fernandes, 4746559, 4732361, 10:30 am-5 pm. (AT4-41023-2)

MAID required immediately for a family, every Sunday and Thursday, twice a week, 8 am-2 pm. Tel. 4730957, 4-7 pm. (AT5-41049-2)

## Wanted

MAID, Sri Lankan seeks employment with a kind European family. Needs accommodation for husband. Tel. 5644657, after 2:30 pm. (AT5-JW-3)

BRITISH male, wife working in Kuwait, seeks job with residency. Anything reasonable considered. Tel. Bennet, 5318060, 8 am-2 pm. (AT6-41057-2)

## PETS

CHINESE Pugs, ready for good homes now. KD100. Tel. 3985946, after 2 pm. (AT4-41026-3)

## SERVICES

### Transport

REQUIRED from Salmiya (near Indian School) to Muthanna Complex (Fahd Al Salem Street), 8 am-5 pm. Tel. 5629516. (AT5-41042-3)

REQUIRED from Al Sabah Street (Area 6) to Soor Street daily at 7:45 am and back at 6:30 pm. Tel. Miss Anita, 2444486, 2464411-3. (AT6-41067-2)

REQUIRED from Salmiya near Hawaili passport department to Commercial Area 6. 8 am-1 pm, 4:30-7:30 pm (four times). Tel. Amba, 5640327, 8 am-1 pm, 3-8 pm. (AT6-41057-2)

## Tuition

TUTION at your residence for all junior classes including Hindi. Tel. Wilson, 3928492 mornings only. (AT4-41016-3)

## FOR RENT

Villas, 1/2 villas, flats, apartments, stores, etc., in all areas of Kuwait.

**Messiah Beach Real Estate**  
Tel. 2401858  
2408510

## FOR RENT

Villas, half villas, buildings, and flats with or without swimming pool. **Al Azraq Real Estate**  
Tel. 2452199, 2452198

## FOR RENT

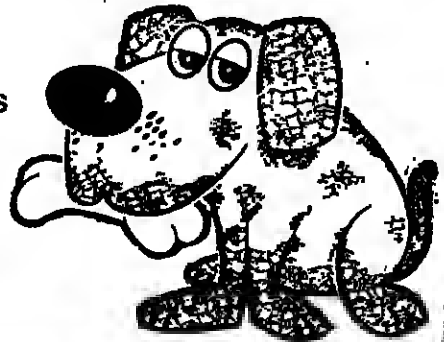
For bachelors or families villas, flats, complete buildings with or without turn, in Fintas, Abu Halifa, Mangat, Hadiya, and Fahaheh.

**Terkait Real Estate Est.**  
Tel. 3913189, 3919884.

## Looking for a warm and friendly home?

Then do it through the classified pages of the Arab Times

We have the friendliest readers in town.



ARAB TIMES NEWS IS OUR BUSINESS

## Union Real Estate Co.

Recognised name for Super-Deluxe accommodation in Latifa, Union, and Ghazwa compounds.

Tel: 2435782, 2442320/1

## Wanted Now

- 1 - Central Aircondition Maintenance Mechanic with 5 years experience.
- 1 - Assistant Central Aircondition Maintenance Mechanic with 3 years experience.

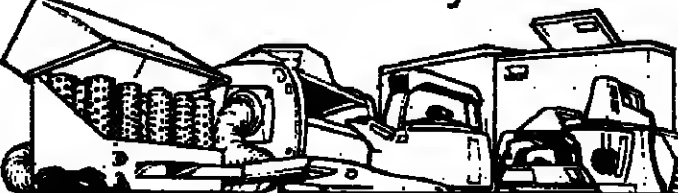
Must have a transferable visa, and preferably a valid driving licence. Also, a receptionist with a good command of both English and Arabic. Tel. 4739550, 5-7 pm.

## Leaving town for good?



Then advertise your odds and ends in the classified pages of the Arab Times

It could be your fastest sale yet



ARAB TIMES NEWS IS OUR BUSINESS

## Sunshine School

SUNSHINE SCHOOL is a private international school which provides a British-based curriculum for children aged between 3 and 12 years.

SUNSHINE SCHOOL is rated for the high standard of education offered at KINDERGARTEN, INFANT AND JUNIOR STAGES

ACADEMIC YEAR 1988-89 RE-REGISTRATION for children already in the school, is now taking place. REGISTRATION FOR NEW PUPILS will be from February 20 to March 23.

SUNSHINE SCHOOL  
SALWA  
SECTOR 7  
TELEPHONE 5621701/5622701

## AL-WAZZAN STORE

Visit us for wide range of "VIP" brand IBM Compatible XT and AT systems with many advanced features.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <p><b>XT TURBO 4.77/10 Mhz SPEEDS</b><br/>BASE SYSTEMS:-<br/>1. 640 KB. RAM, 2 DRIVES, 84 KEY BRD<br/>2. BOTH DRIVES 360MB JAPANESE<br/>3. 1.36MB, 1.2 MB<br/>4. 1.36MB, 1.3 MB, 720KB<br/>5. 1.36MB, 1.3 MB HARD DISK<br/>6. MANY OTHER COMBINATIONS</p> <p><b>7. MONITORS</b><br/>A. MICRO GREEN OR AMBER<br/>B. COLOR MED/RGB RESOLUTION<br/>C. COLOR MED/RGB SCAN<br/>D. EGA/HEGA AUTOMATIC CARDS</p> <p><b>8. EVA-486 CARDS FOR DESK TOP PCL</b><br/>A. EPSON LX, FX, LQ, EX 800/1000<br/>B. PANASONIC 1081, 1083, 1592<br/>C. JUKI DAISY WHEEL 6100<br/>D. LASER PRINTERS PLUS OTHERS<br/>E. PRINTER SPOOLER BOXES</p> | <p><b>AT VLSI BASED 6/10 Mhz TURBO SPEEDS</b><br/>BASE SYSTEMS:-<br/>1. 1MB RAM, 2 DRIVES, 101 KEY BRD<br/>2. 1 DRIVE 1.2 MB, 1.2 MB HARD DISK<br/>3. BOTH DRIVES OF ANY SIZE<br/>4. ONE 21MB OR 42 MB HARD DISK<br/>5. ANY COMBINATION OF DRIVES</p> <p><b>6. MONITORS</b><br/>BIG RANGE WITH ADV. FEATURES<br/>7. PRINTERS<br/>BIG SELECTION DOT MATRIX/LASER/DAISY WHEEL/MOST POPULAR BRANDS<br/>8. LAN CARDS FOR LOCAL AREA NETWORK<br/>9. FULL SUPPORT FOR 3 1/4 DRIVES<br/>10. TABLES, CHAIRS FROM KD. 12/- to 49/-<br/>ALL UNDER ONE ROOF IN VERY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND SUPPORT<br/>11. 12 MONTHS LIMITED WARRANTY COVER<br/>12. HOTLINE TEL. SUPPORT for your many queries</p> |
|--|--|

ALL LATEST UP DATED ADDITIONS

## ARAB TIMES CLASSIFIEDS COUPON

2 insertions KD 4. Three insertions KD 5

- Conditions:
1. Advertisements may be mailed in only on this coupon, or preferably, completed at the Arab Times office between 8.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4.30 - 6 p.m.
  2. To complete the coupon, follow the sequence of the information given in above printed advertisements, for desired section heading. All advertisements will be printed according to Arab Times format and are subject to editing.
  3. Advertisements must not exceed 25 words including name and telephone number.
  4. Text must be typed or clearly printed. No alterations or cancellations will be made after publication.
  5. Advertisements of personal nature involving business transactions will not be accepted, nor any matrimonial advertisements.
  6. The Arab Times is not responsible for postal delays.

Section heading .....

Sender's Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....

Coupons and payment must be mailed to:  
**ARAB TIMES CLASSIFIEDS**  
P.O. BOX: 2270  
13023 SAFAT KUWAIT.



















## SWISS WINS DOWNHILL IN MEN'S COMBINED

1988 Winter Olympics

## Zurbriggen on way to second gold medal

MOUNTAIN, Alberta, Feb. 17, (AP) — Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbriggen took a major step toward his second Olympic gold medal yesterday by winning the downhill portion of the men's combined by nearly a half-second.

Results of the downhill will be coupled with those of a slalom today to determine a combined champion.

The combined is returning to the Winter Olympics after a 40-year absence. Since 1982 the combined, with separate downhill and slalom races, has been contested in the World Alpine Championships.

**Timed**  
Zurbriggen, who overtook teammate Peter Mueller to win the regular men's downhill on Monday, was timed in 1 minute, 46.90 seconds in the combined race. It was held on the same course as Monday's race, but was shortened by moving the start down the hill by about 200 metres.

Franck Piccard of France, the bronze medalist in the regular downhill, was second in 1:47.38, and Felix Belyuk of Canada was third in 1:48.24.

Steven Lee of Australia was

tentatively listed in third place at 1:47.39, but he was later disqualified for missing a gate.

Luxembourg's Marc Girardelli, one of the favourites for the combined title, did not start the downhill. The official reason for his absence was given as a sore elbow stemming from an injury in a downhill fall at Leukerbad, Switzerland, last month.

But the headstrong, sometimes petulant Girardelli may have had another reason for not racing.

**Embroided**  
He reportedly is embroiled in a dispute with his ski manufacturer over preparation of his equipment for Monday's downhill.

His withdrawal may have given Zurbriggen clear sailing for the combined gold medal. Among world cup competitors this season, only Zurbriggen and Girardelli have finished in the top five in both a downhill and slalom.

Girardelli does plan to ski in the super giant slalom on Sunday.

Three Austrians and a West German appear to have the only shots at denying Zurbriggen another gold medal. Hubert

Strolz was fifth in the downhill. Guenther Mader was 11th and Bernhard Gstrein was 15th. The three Austrians all are strong in slalom, which is Zurbriggen's weakest event.

West Germany's Markus Wasmeier, a solid all-around skier but a disappointment in slalom so far this season, stood eighth after the downhill.

"I didn't lose my concentration after yesterday's victory," Zurbriggen said at the finish line.

**Admit**  
But he did admit to problems at the start of his run.

"My line was too straight through the gates. That's why I entered the first curve too low. My left knee banged into my chin and hurt my front tooth. I also hurt my finger on my left hand when it hit the snow."

Asked about his prospects in the slalom, an event in which he hasn't won in two seasons, he said, "slalom is very hard for me. There are a lot of guys in the combined who are specialists in slalom."

Asked how much slalom training he has done, he said, "at the beginning of the year, I did a lot, but not lately."

Both Piccard and Belyuk dis-



Zurbriggen files past a gate during men's combined downhill race. (Reuter wirephoto)

missed their chances in the slalom.

"I'm a downhiller, so it's today that I had to build up an advantage for tomorrow," Piccard said.

Belyuk added, "I'm really a pure downhiller, so I don't think I stand a good chance in the slalom. Franck and Pirmin are better in the technical disciplines than I am."

## Ice queen Witt doesn't mind men

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 17, (AP) — Katarina Witt, the world's reigning ice queen, gave women's liberation a shove yesterday by sympathizing with male fans who ogle the feminine figure doing the figure skating.

The 22-year-old East German, who is often compared in looks to actress Brooke Shields, told an overflow news conference that "grace and beauty" were an integral part of figure skating, like it or not.

"I think every man prefers looking at a well-built woman that someone who is shaped like a rubber ball rolling over the ice," she said when asked if it had become impossible for a woman figure skater to win unless she was pretty and wore the right make-up, hairdo and costume.

Referring to her "Carmen" routine, she said, "if we have Spanish music, we must wear the right sort of costume — not a very sporty outfit."

## Canada and Finland win in hockey

## Poland tie with Sweden to stay in contention

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 17, (AP) — Some coaches preach that winning is everything. But that wasn't the case with Leszek Lejczyk, at least not when his lightly considered Polish Olympic hockey team was facing high-flying Sweden.

On paper, yesterday's "B" pool matchup in the 16-day tournament looked like a mismatch. The eighth-seeded Poles had looked good but failed to score in losing a tight first-round game to Canada, while world champion Sweden, the No. 1 seed, routed France 13-2.

But Poland relied heavily on its strong, hard-checking defence to tie Sweden 1-1 and stay in contention for a possible spot in the medal round.

**Overcame**  
In other games, Canada over-

came stubborn Switzerland 4-2 to remain the pool's only unbeaten and untied team, while Finland evened its record by blasting France 10-1.

It was Poland's first tie with

Sweden since they drew at the Izvestia tournament in Moscow in the early 1970s.

"We achieved our plan to tie the game, which is a very hard plan," Lejczyk said. "When you play for a tie, it's harder than to play for a win."

"Now I'm worried about France," he said of Poland's next opponent. "I don't want the players to relax after their successes."

The only goals in the game came 43 seconds apart in the second period. Sweden's Anders Elderbom scored on a power play before Jaroslav Morawiecki tied the game for good.

**Loss**  
Swedish defenceman Peter Andersson was at a loss to explain the tie.

"It's tough when you don't score," he said. "It's tough when they play so defensively and we can't get ahead of them. They had to play that way. If they try to play offensive hockey, they're going to lose by eight or nine

goals."

Fourth-seeded Canada struggled again before getting three goals in the third period to break a 1-1 tie and put away the upstart No. 9 Swiss, who earlier knocked off No. 5 Finland.

Gord Sherven's rebound goal with 15:14 to play snapped a 1-1 tie and spoiled an excellent game by Swiss goalie Richard Bucher.

Ken Yaremchuk and Marc Habscheid then found the net for Canada before Switzerland's Joerg Erberle closed out the scoring with 3:38 left.

"They had a very hot goaltender," Canada coach Dave King said. "He played very well for a long time in the hockey game. It seemed like he would be the key factor."

But Sean Burke, Canada's goalie, also made a half-dozen acrobatic saves, demonstrating why he is considered one of the best young goalies in the world.

Canada lost the services of defenceman Tony Stiles when he suffered a concussion in a first-

period collision with Swiss forward Peter Jaks.

Fifth-seeded Finland, rebounding from its first-round loss, scored four times in each of the first two periods to rip No. 12 France, which has been outscored 23-3 in two games.

**Spree**  
Reijo Mikkolainen scored two of his three goals in the first-period spree, the first just 33 seconds into the game. Erkki Lehtonen added one goal and four assists.

Finnish goalie Jarmo Myllys allowed only Steven Woodhurs's third-period goal.

In "B" pool action today, the second-seeded Soviets face the No. 7 Americans, No. 6 West Germany plays No. 11 Austria, and No. 3 Czechoslovakia takes on No. 10 Norway.

The Soviets and West Germans are 2-0; the United States and Czechoslovakia are 1-1.

Norway and Austria are 0-2. The top three teams from each pool advance to the medal round.

## Soviets clinch gold in pairs figure skating

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 17, (AP) — Two-time world champions Ekatarina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov of the Soviet Union won the gold medal in pairs figure skating last night with a mistake-free but cautious routine.

Teammates Elena Valova and Oleg Vasiliev, the defending Olympic champions, won the silver, giving the Soviet Union a total of seven medals, including three gold, in the first three full days of competition.

**Dominated**  
The Soviets have dominated pairs figure skating since the early 1960s, claiming 19 of the past 25 world titles. They have won the Olympic title every year since 1964.

Jill Watson and Peter Oppegard took the bronze for the United States, its first medal of the Winter Games.

Gordeeva, a dainty 16-year-old schoolgirl who has entranced crowds throughout the world the last two years, and Grinkov clearly were the class of the competition. Their jumps, lifts and

spins were perfect, and the sellout crowd gave them a thunderous standing ovation at the end of the 4/1-2 minute programme.

Gordeeva and Grinkov, 20, were first with all nine judges in Sunday's short and yesterday's long programmes.

Skating last night to music ranging from Mendelssohn to Mozart, they received three 5.8s and six 5.9s of a possible 6.00 from the nine judges for technical merit, and one 5.8 and eight 5.9s for presentation.

Valova, sidelined much of the past year with an ankle injury, and Vasiliev finished second with every judge. Vasiliev touched down on side-by-side triple toe loops, but the rest of their programme was clean.

Watson and Oppegard might have moved up to second with a stronger freestyle performance.

But Watson fell on her double axel jump and did only a single flip while Oppegard did the planned double flip late in the programme. They also skated slowly.



Sergei Grinkov lifts his partner Gordeeva above his head during the pairs figure skating programme. (Reuter wirephoto)

## ARAB TIMES MONTHLY

BINGO

COMPETITION NO. 63

## PRIZES

First Full House: KD 100  
Second Full House: KD 60  
Third Full House: KD 40  
Top Line: KD 25  
Four Corners: KD 25

Hurry! make sure you get your Arab Times

## HOW TO PLAY

1. Solve the clue underneath the entry card (below) and enter the number that you think is the answer in the shaded square on the left-hand side of the card. This square must be completed.
2. Now select a further 14 numbers between 1 and 90 inclusive and enter these in the remaining open squares. You should now have 15 DIFFERENT numbers on your card. Please write them clearly, in ballpoint or ink.
3. Fill in your name and address in the
4. appropriate lines on the form, in block letters.
5. Make an exact copy of your 15 numbers on the copy card provided underneath, and keep it so that you can check off your numbers as they appear in the ARAB TIMES every day.
6. Register your Free Bingo entry by sending it to the ARAB TIMES. Read details below carefully.
7. Watch out for YOUR numbers each morning in the ARAB TIMES.

FREE BINGO No. 63 ENTRY



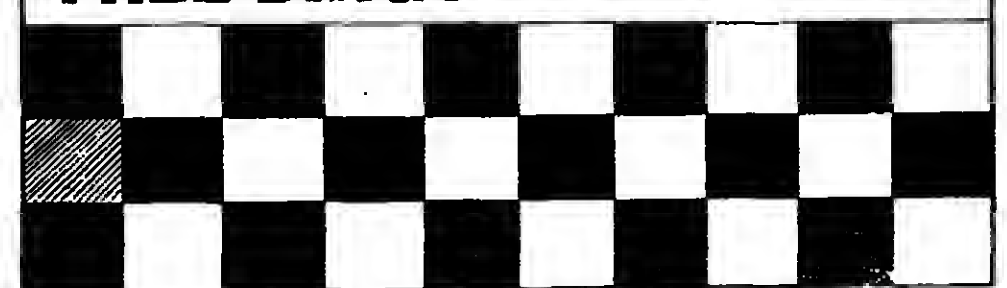
ANSWER THIS CLUE IN THE SHADED SQUARE:  
THREE SCORE THREE

NAME (Mr./Mrs./Miss) .....

ADDRESS .....

IS YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE?

FREE BINGO No. 63 COPY



## How to claim

**EVERYDAY** four numbers will appear on Page Two. A number may be repeated. If this happens, continue with the rest of the numbers. Check off on your copy card the number or numbers which coincide with your selected numbers. Do this every day.

Please make a note of the last number you checked off, i.e. the one that completes your claim. Claimants will be asked to give this number which will decide the allocation of prizes.

When you have a claim, phone: 4813566/272 or 287 between 12 noon and 1 pm. Claims after 1 pm WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. You or anyone telephoning for you must have your copy card when the claim is made.

Is the initial of your surname in the front of the envelope?

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE AND INITIAL OF YOUR SURNAME ON THE LEFT HAND TOP CORNER IN FRONT. This is essential for the speedy checking of claims. Entries received without names and initials as mentioned above will be disqualified.

When you have completed your entry

card and copy card and filled in your name and address, send in your entries, by post, addressed to:

Bingo,  
Arab Times,  
P.O. Box 2270,  
13023 Safat Kuwait.

A surer alternative is to deliver by hand to the Arab Times, Al-Seyassah Building, Airport Road, Shuwaikh.

# ASIAN Festival

Come and experience the spirit of Asia  
at the Sultan Center, Salmiya and enjoy  
tasty treats from Japan, Korea, Indonesia  
Thailand, Philippines, India, Pakistan  
Malaysia and more!

Asian Foods,  
Souvenirs,  
Traditional Games,  
Traditional Costumes  
and SAVE with PRICES

Only at THE SULTAN CENTER  
Salmiya Tel. 5719620

Thrill to the percussion drumbeat of the "Dholak" and  
Join our exciting troupe of "Bhangra" dancers  
portraying the traditional North  
Indian dance!

**PRICE  
QUALITY  
VARIETY  
SERVICE**



## SPORTS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18-19, 1988

## Jefferies signs for Hampshire

LONDON, Feb 17, (Reuters): South African all-rounder Steve Jefferies, who recently took 10 wickets in an innings, has signed for Hampshire on a two-year contract starting in the forthcoming English season.

Jefferies, who was previously with Derbyshire and Lancashire, is to take over as Hampshire's overseas player from Malcolm Marshall, who will be touring England with West Indies this year.

Hampshire's original choice as Marshall's replacement, Australian Test left-arm paceman Bruce Reid, pulled out with a back injury.

Hampshire captain Mark Nicholas said: "He (Jefferies) is a player with plenty of experience and earlier this winter took 10 wickets in an innings for Western Province against an Orange Free State side which included Allan Lamb and Alvin Kalichar."

## HOME SIDE SCORES 130 FOR FOUR AT STUMPS AS PLAY IS CALLED OFF

# England-New Zealand Test ends in draw

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 17, (Reuters): England and New Zealand drew their first cricket Test when play was called off today with five overs due, to be bowled in the home side's second innings.

New Zealand had been set 304 to win on the last day and were 130 for four at the close.

England had a glimmer of hope when New Zealand's fourth wicket fell with 28 overs still to play. Phillip DeFreitas trapped New Zealand captain Jeff Crowe low for aught but John Bracewell then joined Andrew Innes and the pair saw New Zealand out of trouble.

**Nose-dive**  
England's chances of winning took a nose-dive when 13 overs, or 50 minutes, of play was lost because of bad light in the morning.

New Zealand had negotiated the morning session without losing a wicket and, although both openers were not low to Graham Dilley soon after lunch, it was asking too much to bowl New Zealand out in two sessions.

In all, 4-1/2 hours were lost through the five days, reducing the chance of a result despite the vagaries of the pitch.

Ironically, the game finished in bright sunshine after the wintry conditions which prevailed in the morning and for much of the last four days.

Dilley provided the fireworks of the day, both in his fast and hostile deliveries and his behaviour with the umpires. He ended with his best Test match bowling figures of eight wickets for 70 and although DeFreitas and Paul Jarvis bowled well at times, they and other England bowlers lacked penetration.

Jeff Crowe decided to use the heavy roller at the start of play and this appeared to settle the pitch, which played better on the last day than on any other.

England's biggest disappointment was off-spinner John Emburey. He failed to extract much spin and did not give the ball any air.

The pitch was better suited to seam bowling and New Zealand off-spinner Bracewell bowled equally badly. Only 20 overs of spin were bowled in the match, but neither slow bowler was accurate enough and the places of both must be in jeopardy for the second Test starting on February 25.

**Rescuing**  
Innes scored New Zealand's only half century in the match, rescuing his side from its precarious position and ending on 54 not out. But many of the runs were scored against attacking fields and when the match was safe.

None of the New Zealand batsmen put up a convincing performance and the New Zealand selectors will have to look closely at Trevor Franklin and Jeff Crowe for the second Test.

The England batsman performed little better with the exception of Chris Broad's 114 and Tim Robinson's 70 in the first innings. Martyn Moxon or Bill Athey could be replaced by Neil Fairbrother, the only other specialist batsman in the touring party.

In the New Zealand camp doubts hang over the fitness of both Richard Hadlee and Ewen Chatfield.

This was to have been Hadlee's Test, where he would take his 374th Test wicket to set a world record in front of his home crowd. But he failed to get a wicket on the first day and later injured himself and could bowl no more in the match.

gave too much assistance to seam bowlers.

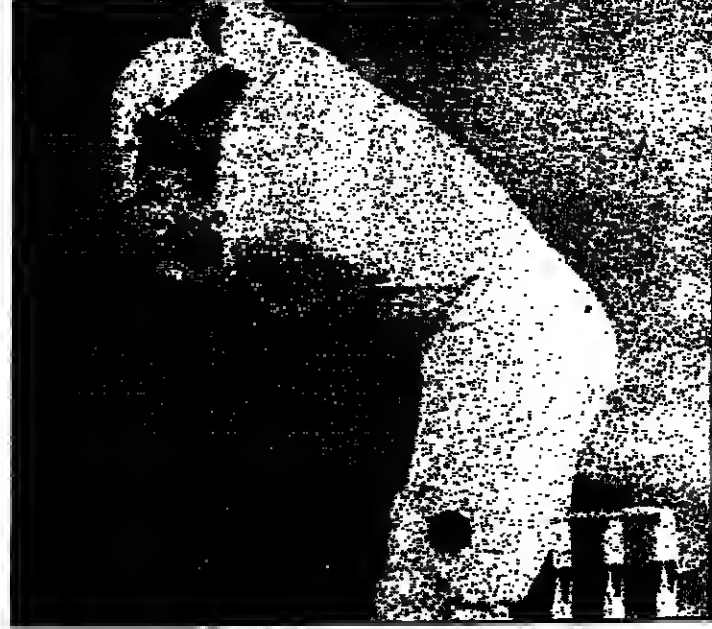
He said he expects all the team to be available for the second Test.

Both captains felt that the Man-of-the-Match award should have gone to Broad rather than Chatfield, who took four wickets in each innings.

**Reluctant**  
Gatting was initially reluctant to comment on former Canterbury and Northamptonshire batsman Peter Arnold's choice of Chatfield. However, when told Crowe had given his view he admitted he leaned towards Broad.

"When the ball has been seaming around all over the place for four days and one batsman gets 1001 would have thought that deserved some sort of credit," he said.

Crowe admitted Chatfield would not have been his choice. "He bowled superbly, but I'd have given it to Broad," he said. "He got 100 on a very difficult pitch."



New Zealand's opening batsman John Wright in action yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

**Scoreboard**  
ENGLAND first innings 319  
ENGLAND second innings 152  
NEW ZEALAND first innings 168  
NEW ZEALAND second innings: J Wright 84 b Dilley 23  
T Franklin 114 b Dilley 23  
A Jones not out 54  
M Crowe c French b Jarvis 6  
J Crowe b b DeFreitas 0

J Bracewell not out 20  
Extras (lb 4 b 6 nb 5) 15  
TOTAL (for four wickets) 130  
Fall of wickets: 1-372, 433-414-78.  
Bowling: Dilley 18-5-32-2 (3ub), DeFreitas 19-6-26-1 (2ub), Jarvis 17-7-30-1, Emburey 10-4-16-0, Cape 13-5-16-0.  
Result: New Zealand drew with England.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Title fight

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Feb 17, (AP): Indonesia's Pully Pasireron will challenge World Boxing Association super middleweight champion Park Chong-Pal of South Korea in a title fight on March 1, a boxing official said today.

## Saudis draw

RIYADH, Feb 17, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia and Scotland drew 2-2 (half-time 1-0) today in a friendly soccer match here.

Scorers: Saudi Arabia — Youssef Jazei (16 minutes), Majid Abdullah (71). Scotland — Morris Johnstone (47). John Cluquhann (79).

## Romanians leave

CALGARY, Canada, Feb 17, (UPI): Three female members of the Romanian speedskating team and a coach left the Winter Olympics before the games even started, officials announced late yesterday.

## Soccer results

TEL AVIV, Feb 17, (Reuters): Israel and England drew 0-0 in a friendly soccer international today.

British soccer matches played in London yesterday.

European under-21 championship quarterfinal, first leg: Scotland 0 England 1 (in Aberdeen).

## Bridge results

RESULTS of the Mesilla Ladies Club games played on Saturday.

N/S  
1. Ann Cox & Doris Kimber  
2. Jamila Akel & Margaret Robb-Whitaker

E/W  
1. Margaret Maynard & Paphne Al Saad  
2. Helen Hughes & Janice Briggs

Results of the game played at the Hilton on Sunday.

N/S  
1. K T Simon & Ali Imam  
2. Ali Bourkhris & Chibli Jadaa

E/W  
1. Hassan Mousaad & Mohammed Mechant  
2. Keith McKenzie & George Beecroft

Results of the Sheraton Ladies club games played yesterday:

N/S  
1. Lynn Edwards & Suzanne Cattermole  
2. Rita Canacini & Donna Materny

E/W  
1. Jamila Akel & Juliette Mushawar  
2. Margaret Maynard & Paphne Al Saad

RESULTS of the bridge played at Sheraton hotel on Tuesday.

N/S  
1. Abdullatif Desai & Adly Tiab  
2. Ignace Meouchi & Marcel Zammari

E/W  
1. Mrs Donna Materny & Hassan Mousaad  
2. Mohamed Abdulghani & Hassan Shalabi

A pair event tournament will be held on Friday at 4.00 pm.

## Cash defeats Kulti in Italian indoor tennis

# Becker fights back to beat Forget

MILAN, Italy, Feb 17, (UPI): Top seed Boris Becker of West Germany had to fight back in his 1988 tournament debut to defeat Guy Forget of France 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 last night in the first round of the \$490,000 Stella Artois Italian indoor tennis championships.

Australian Pat Cash, who inherited the Wimbledon crown from two-time champion Becker last summer, defeated persistent Swedish amateur Niklaus Kulti 6-3, 6-4 in his first-round match.

**Wear down**  
Cash, seeded fourth, needed almost 90 minutes to wear down the 17-year-old from Stockholm at Milan's Palatrussardi arena.

Becker, fully fit after two months of the treatment on knee and thigh injuries that had kept him out of tournament play since the Nalisco Masters in December, had to battle at times to pull his concentration together.

"The problem was partly concentration and partly because Forget played well," the 20-year-old said.

"I had periods of letdowns. Remember, it's been some time since I played the first round of a tournament."

Becker started out with a solid, if hard-fought first set, which he took 6-4 on one of his seven aces of the night.

But seven double faults worked against the West German and Becker went down without a fight in the second set against Forget's steady attack.

**Coming back**  
Becker, fourth on the computer, rallied in the decider, winning the third game on an ace, coming back from 0-30 down to hold serve in the fifth and then breaking Forget to win on his first match point.

"With Forget, you're always under pressure," Becker said. "It was hard for me coming back to keep my concentration over all three sets."

In other matches, France's Henri Leconte, the sixth seed, continued his comeback from physical problems that plagued him last year, as he defeated Marian Vajda of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-3.

Andreï Chesnokov of the Soviet Union eliminated American wild card entry Todd Nelson 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 in afternoon play, while Sergio Casal of Spain knocked out Claudio Pistolesi of Italy 6-3, 6-2.

Becker, fourth on the computer, rallied in the decider, winning the third game on an ace, coming back from 0-30 down to hold serve in the fifth and then breaking Forget to win on his first match point.

"With Forget, you're always under pressure," Becker said. "It was hard for me coming back to keep my concentration over all three sets."

In other matches, France's Henri Leconte, the sixth seed, continued his comeback from physical problems that plagued him last year, as he defeated Marian Vajda of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-3.

Andreï Chesnokov of the Soviet Union eliminated American wild card entry Todd Nelson 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 in afternoon play, while Sergio Casal of Spain knocked out Claudio Pistolesi of Italy 6-3, 6-2.



Becker: 1988 debut

Nelson 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 in afternoon play, while Sergio Casal of Spain knocked out Claudio Pistolesi of Italy 6-3, 6-2.

Cash put away a forehand at the net on his first match point to subdue the stubborn Kulti, who was not overawed by his opponent's world No. 7 ranking.

Kulti kept pace throughout the first set, holding serve until the eighth game when Cash scored the only break of the opener for 5-3, then notched his second love game in succession to take the first set 6-3.

## Navratilova outlasts Rehe

OAKLAND, California, Feb 17, (AP): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova of the United States settled down quickly after dropping the first two games of her first-round match and beat compatriot Stephanie Rehe 6-3, 6-2 last night in the \$250,000 Virginia Slims of California.

"I was ahead 40-15 in the first game, then hit a bad volley and a bad forehand. I was upset, not because I lost the game but because I lost it," Navratilova said.

**Advanced**  
Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, the No. 3 seed, beat Lisa Bonder of the United States 6-3, 6-2 in the night's final match. All eight seeded players advanced to the second round, which begins today.

Navratilova, coming off a tour victory on Sunday in Dallas, lost a total of only four points in winning the last five games of the first set against Rehe.

She was up 4-1 in the second set before Rehe broke her serve for the first time since the start of the match.

Navratilova pulled even at 3-3 in the first set by winning a game Rehe opened with a double fault.

**Strong**  
Defending champion Zina Garrison of the United States opened play earlier with a strong serve and a strong showing, beating compatriot Heather Ludloff 6-4, 6-2. Garrison, the 24-year-old from Houston, is seeded No. 4 in this year's tournament. She defeated Sylvia Hanika in last year's finals.

The other winners yesterday included Wendy Turnbull of Australia and Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia. Turnbull beat American Barbara Gerken 6-2, 6-1, and Novotna beat Gigi Fernandez of the United States 7-6, 6-3.



Navratilova: settled down

Navratilova, coming off a tour victory on Sunday in Dallas, lost a total of only four points in winning the last five games of the first set against Rehe.

She was up 4-1 in the second set before Rehe broke her serve for the first time since the start of the match.

Navratilova pulled even at 3-3 in the first set by winning a game Rehe opened with a double fault.

Navratilova, coming off a tour victory on Sunday in Dallas, lost a total of only four points in winning the last five games of the first set against Rehe.

She was up 4-1 in the second set before Rehe broke her serve for the first time since the start of the match.

Navratilova pulled even at 3-3 in the first set by winning a game Rehe opened with a double fault.

Navratilova, coming off a tour victory on Sunday in Dallas, lost a total of only four points in winning the last five games of the first set against Rehe.

She was up 4-1 in the second set before Rehe broke her serve for the first time since the start of the match.

Navratilova pulled even at 3-3 in the first set by winning a game Rehe opened with a double fault.

## Kuwait Malayalee Samajam soccer journey schedule

MATCHES in the 11-a-side knockout soccer tournament for the Kuwait Malayalee Samajam trophy will be held on Feb 19 at Fahad ground behind the cinema.

There will be three matches. New Goa vs Kerala Sports at 6.30 am, Abbasiya Sports vs Rising Star at 8 am, and Pico vs United Goan Strikers at 9.30 am.

The opening games were held last Friday. The Boys Own Club defeated Goa Cultural Association by one goal and Konkani XI beat Incredible Goa by a goal.

The winning teams have qualified for the quarter finals. Matches are supervised by referees from the Indian Football Referees Association.

The tournament has been sponsored by Sana Household and organised by the Kuwait Malayalee Samajam.

It is being held as part of the 40th anniversary celebrations of India's Independence.

**Hockey fan**  
PADUCAH, Kentucky, Feb 17, (AP): A hockey fan was so thrilled by a US goal in an Olympic hockey game that he accidentally shot himself in the hand, police said.

Paul Joseph Grant, 18, was in stable condition yesterday at Western Baptist hospital. A 38 bullet had pierced his left hand.

**London marathon**  
LONDON, Feb 17, (Reuters): Norwegian Ingrid Kristiansen aims to improve her world best time in the London marathon in April and become the first woman under two hours 20 minutes.

Kristiansen set the current world best of 2:21.06 in the London marathon in 1985. She won the women's race here in 1984, 1985 and 1987.

## APOLOGY

The Sultan Center and other participating companies announce

the cancellation of the "Walk for a Cause" Festival which was supposed to be held on Friday, Feb 19, 1988. The festival was to be held on the occasion of the 27th National Day and in support of public societies.

The cancellation comes after the decision of the Interior Minister to ban the festival

We therefore express our deep apology to citizens and expatriates, participating companies and other public societies.



مرکز سلطان  
THE SULTAN CENTER

ARAB @ TIMES

Published by:  
Dar Al-Sayassah

Editor-in-Chief:  
Ahmed Al-Jawahir

Editorial Office:  
Airport Road, Sharjah,  
P.O. Box 2270,  
13023 Safat, Kuwait.

Telephone:  
2233000

Telex:  
330000

Subscription:  
Annual subscription  
\$1000  
Single copy  
\$100